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Dominion Campaign

Monster Meeting in Honor of Sir Charles and Mr. Macdonald.

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Liberals Intend Holding Their Convention in Vancouver on October 4.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—At a meeting of the executive of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club it was decided to hold a great mass meeting in Windsor hall on Monday evening, September 10, in honor of Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald. The meeting is expected to be the greatest ever held in Montreal. Speeches will be made by Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, Hon. George E. Foster and other leading Conservatives.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—Hon. James Johnson has just returned from a trip through British Columbia. He says that the Conservatives are sure of carrying every seat in British Columbia in the approaching federal elections.

Vancouver, Aug. 24.—At a largely attended meeting of Liberals last night it was decided to hold an open convention on October 4.

Halifax, Aug. 24.—The most representative political convention ever held in Queen's county took place here when W. S. Stuart, Q. C., was unanimously nominated to oppose Sir Louis Davies in West Queen's.

Dr. Borden was re-nominated by the Liberals in Kings, and Chas. H. Cahan, the former leader of the provincial Conservative party, was nominated by the Conservatives in Cumberland.

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 24.—At the Conservative convention for Charlotte county yesterday G. W. Ganong, M. P., was renominated.

Quebec, Aug. 24.—Le Soleil says Dr. Borden will be invested with the order of knighthood during his approaching visit to England.

Windsor, Aug. 24.—The independence on Canada party of Windsor are making active preparations for the coming political campaign. Officers have been elected and leaders of the party state they will have a strong candidate to contest North Essex. They profess to be sanguine of success.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—Liberal nominations were held in North Ontario, Peel and West Huron this afternoon. The present members were re-nominated in each case, namely: Jos. Featherstone, in Peel; Robt. Holmes, in West Huron, and Duncan Graham, in North Ontario. Conservative journals this morning mentioned the names of Dr. Oronhyatekha and Dr. Ryerson as possible Conservative candidates. Dr. Oronhyatekha said this evening that whatever he might do in years to come he would not be a candidate at the coming elections. Dr. Ryerson said he was also sick of politics, and had no idea of running in East Toronto. The name of A. B. Alesworth, Q.C., is being discussed as a possible candidate in Centre Toronto, and N. W. Rowell is mentioned for East York.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Nothing was done at the council meeting to-day in reference to the elections. The rumor is that the census will be taken in January. The elections may be at the same time, so as to give the government the advantage of the army of enumerators in action during the election canvasses.

ORGANIZATION MEETING.

Young Conservatives Appoint Delegates to the New Westminster Convention.

A well attended meeting of the Macdonald Club was held last evening, with Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, one of the vice-presidents, in the chair, and Mr. S. D. Schultz acting as secretary.

A considerable amount of organization work for the coming Dominion elections was transacted and many new members elected. It is the intention of the members to make the Junior Conservative Association an important factor in the coming campaign, and with that object in view and to secure the co-operation of all new material that will undoubtedly become members during the next few weeks, the election of officers was postponed.

The following delegates were appointed to the New Westminster convention to be held next week: Messrs. S. D. Schultz, Joseph Brown, L. A. Ferguson, George Snider, Hugh McDonald, George Marsden, Charles F. Beaven, G. E. G. Browne, W. H. Ellis, Harold Robertson, Edward Musson, William Allan, John Taylor —. Green, R. W. Roper and Arthur Heathorn.

IMITATING THE EMPIRE.

U. S. Lowers Its Rate to Colonies to Two Cents.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—The post office department has received intimation from Washington that postage to the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Samoa is reduced to two cents. Postage from Canada is the same as from the United States.

LOST OUT PROSPECTING.

Indians Come Across Two Miners in Terrible Plight.

Vancouver, Aug. 24.—Two brothers from Seattle, named Walsh, became lost while prospecting on Nelson island. When found by Indians one was unconscious and one demented.

LABOR DAY.

The Parade in Vancouver Expected to Be Very Fine.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 24.—Owing to the liberal allowance granted the Trades and Labor Council by the city, and the enthusiasm of the different Labor Day committees, the grand industrial parade on Labor Day will undoubtedly be far ahead of the parades of other years, both in quantity and quality. There have been numerous prizes offered for the best floats in different classes.

LE ROI NO. 2.

It Is Now Shipping Ore Regularly.

Rossland, Aug. 24.—Le Roi No. 2 is now shipping regularly and will ship on the first of the month 3,500 tons. Later the output will approximate 10,000 tons monthly. The delay was caused by widening the development shaft. Shipping for the present is from the east and main ledge, near the Poorman, which is from 15 to 25 feet wide and proved for 600 feet in depth. The ore is very clean and only one sorter is needed. Other pay-chutes are untouched for the present. The ore chute at the west end on the Annie is the richest in the camp. It is seven feet wide at 150-foot depth and averages a value of over $50.

Back From South Africa

Carter, Finch-Smiles and Jones Reach Quebec in Good Condition.

Glad to Be in Canada Again and Anxious to Get Home.

Quebec, Aug. 24.—The steamer Lake Ontario, of the Elder-Dempster line, arrived in port to-night with 119 invalided Canadian soldiers on board, including three Victorians—Messrs. Arthur Carter, Frank Finch-Smiles and James W. Jones. They were in the pink of condition and anxious to get home.

Carter was knocked out early in the campaign, having contracted enteric fever at Gras-Pan. He had been engaged principally on transport duty, but took part in the Sunnyside engagement, when the Canadians received their baptism of fire.

Finch-Smiles was wounded at the battle of Modder river, February 18. He was shot in the left knee, the bullet entering the front and making its exit at the back, tearing a ligament.

Jones fought in several engagements, but was stricken at Osfontein with rheumatism. The three men spoke in the highest terms of the hospital service.

SHARKEY IS KNOCKED OUT

Fitz Polished Him off in the Second Round After Hard Fighting.

New York, Aug. 24.—In two rounds Fitzsimmons knocked out Sharkey at Coney Island to-night. The sailor knocked Fitz down in the first round, but could not stand against the sledge-hammer blows that were rained on him by the Australian. There was some trouble about the referee at the start and the big crowd became impatient, but finally Charlie White was assured of receiving $500 for acting and the fight went on.

Round 1.—Sharkey rushed and swung his left for body, but Fitz jumped out of reach. Sharkey again rushed, but Fitz jumped away. Sharkey rushed again, but Fitz met him with a heavy right on the body. Sharkey missed a right swing; Fitz easily got out of reach and laughed. Sharkey swung his left, but Fitz got inside the blow and landed on his back. Fitz tried right and left for head, but Sharkey ducked, and then Fitz landed a left hook on neck. Sharkey swung wildly for the head, but Fitz ducked them and sent his right to Sharkey's jaw. Sharkey clinched and swung a heavy left for the head, but Fitz blocked it. Sharkey rushed wildly, landing a left on the shoulder. Fitz sent a left and right to the face and then Sharkey smashed again, swung his left on the shoulder, and Fitz went down, Sharkey falling over him with his rush.

Round 2.—Sharkey came to close quarters, swinging left and right without landing. Fitzsimmons rushed in, sending his right to body and left to neck. Both swung wildly with the right. Fitz sent a right to body and right to head. Sharkey was wild and Fitz sent him to the floor, after a succession of rights and lefts on the face and body. Sharkey took the count and got up groggy and staggered back to the ropes. Fitz went after him and hooked his left to the jaw, then he sent right and left to head, and Sharkey was unable to protect himself. Then Fitz sent a hard right to body and hooked his left to the jaw, and as Sharkey was staggering, he hooked his left to the jaw, sending Tom down the second time. Sharkey struggled to regain his feet, but fell over on his hands and face. He struggled, attempting to get up, but the right on body and left on the jaw had done their work, and Sharkey was counted out by the referee, who declared Fitz the winner.

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Chinese Sources

Assert That Prince Tuan Has Been Captured by the Allies.

And That the Emperor Is in the Hands of the Japanese.

Small Force Under Durward Inflicts Great Loss on the Boxers.

London, Aug. 25.—(3:45 a.m.)—A thousand troops participated in a signal defeat of the Boxers outside of Tien Tsin on August 19. The fact is briefly reported from Vienna. Details of the engagement come from the Reuter agent at Tien Tsin, in a despatch dated August 20. The force consisted of 375 British, 200 Japanese and 500 United States troops, all under the British General Dorward. The fight took place at a village six miles from Tien Tsin, where the allied forces found a considerable number of Boxers, whom they engaged, killing over three hundred and taking 64 prisoners, who were sent to the hospitals of the allies. The village was burned. The Japanese lost six, the British nine, and the Americans had five wounded.

Hundreds of Boxer flags, spears and swords were captured.

From Shanghai comes a report, qualified by the assertion that it is from purely Chinese sources that the Empress Dowager, after proceeding on a day's journey from Pekin, became terrified at the looting by Gen. Tung Fuh Siang's troops and went back to Pekin.

A Chinese telegram from Tsian Fu says that Prince Tuan has been captured by a detachment of the allies.

Other Chinese messages record the formation of a provisional government at Pekin by the allies; but this appears to be a purely military measure, and merely an elaboration of the scheme for dividing the city into sections for police purposes.

Li Hung Chang has received word that the allies entered Pekin easily because the troops of Gen. Tung Tuh Siang utterly refused to face the allies.

According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, Gen. Li, recognizing the futility of an attempt to drive the foreigners from China, now professes to consent to reform.

Shanghai advices announce the receipt there of a Chinese official despatch asserting that Emperor Kwang Su has been found and rescued by the Japanese.

Messages from Tien Tsin say there is great mortality among United States horses owing to the heat.

Delayed advices to Reuter, dated Pekin, August 14, reiterate the statements regarding the treachery of the Chinese on the night before the relief. They informed the members of the legations that orders had been issued to cease firing. This was followed by a desperate attack, and it was only the welcome sound of the cannon of the relieving force in the morning that renewed the courage of the foreigners.

London, Aug. 24.—General Gaselee, the commander of the British force at Pekin, telegraphing from that place on August 14, via Chee Foo, August 23, gives details of how he is disposing of his troops there. He says the British losses were extremely small, and announces that he is very short of food, that he was arranging for convoys and that he hoped to assault the imperial city that day when the men had been fed. The general also says the good spirits and endurance of the troops were beyond praise and refers to the extremely arduous march owing to the heat and heavy roads.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Acting Secretary Adee made public to-night the following despatch from Consul Fowler at Chee Foo, bearing on events in Pekin:

"Chee Foo (undated), received August 23, midnight.—Japanese report that the Emperor and Empress Dowager left Pekin on the 14th, rested at Wau Shou Shan and their supposed destination is Ta Yuan Fu (Tai Yuen Fu), Shen Si. Prince Ching is believed to be in Pekin. Li Pig Heng died. Half population left.

(Signed) "FOWLER."

The cabinet was in session to-day until nearly 2 o'clock. At is close the members were more reticent than usual as to what transpired. It can be stated, however, that this government has so far received no official or well-authenticated information that the Russian government declared war on China, or that it is her immediate purpose to so do. The published report that she actually has taken this step undoubtedly is disturbing to the administration, inasmuch as such action would greatly complicate the situation and probably paralyze the powers' efforts to bring about an early peace. This apprehension is somewhat intensified by the fear that Germany also may contemplate a declaration of war. What action this government would take under these circumstance is not known, but it has been suggested that the president may also ask for a conference of the powers, with a view to arriving at some basis for a settlement of the question involved without resorting to war. The subject of extra session of congress was not mentioned at the meeting, and it can be stated on the authority of a member of the cabinet that under present conditions such a session is altogether improbable.

A GREAT STORM.

A Michigan Town Badly Injured by Lightning and Water.

St. Joseph, Mich., Aug. 24.—The worst storm of years struck here to-day. The steeple of the Lutheran church was splintered by lightning and much grain was destroyed and barns burned. A huge wave advanced ten feet up shore, washing away a number of boats and thousands of feet of lumber.

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Lieut. Cordua Who Attempted to Kidnap Roberts Has Been Shot.

Baden-Powell Heads off Dewet and Prevents Him Joining Botha.

London, Aug. 25.—A special despatch from Pretoria says that Lieutenant Cordua was shot yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

General Baden-Powell, according to a despatch to the Standard from Pretoria, dated August 23, headed off General Dewet, preventing his juncture with the main body of the enemy. Dewet abandoned his transport and got to the nills, the commando dispersing, some trekking south.

Lord Kitchener has returned to Pretoria.

London, Aug. 24.—The following despatch has been received from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, Aug. 23.—Baden-Powell rescued 100 British prisoners at Warmbaths on August 22, and captured 25 Boers and a German artillery officer.

"Buller's casualties on August 21 were 7 killed, and Capt. Ellershaw and 21 men wounded, 5 missing.

"Kitchener on the 22nd has eight casualties.

"While reconnoitring in the Komati Valley, Rundle found 140,000 rounds of ammunition buried.

"The columns pursuing Dewet have made wonderful marches. Col. Mackinnon covered 224 miles in 14 days."

A special from Pretoria, dated to-day, says Gen. Lord Roberts has confirmed the sentence of death imposed upon Lieut. Cordua, formerly of the Staat's artillery, who was convicted of being a ringleader in the plot to abduct Gen. Roberts and kill British prisoners.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Privates C. W. Gamble and W. Brooking, of the Fifth Regiment, C.A., are among invalided Canadians from Africa who sailed on the Tunisian. The steamer should reach Quebec on Friday next.

REPAIRING THE RAILWAY.

Transportation For Allies' Troops Is Being Improved.

London, Aug. 24.—The work of repairing the railroad beyond Yang Tsun is progressing slowly, and the transportation of supplies by boats on the Pei river is improving.

A despatch from Chee Foo, dated Thursday, August 23, says there has been fighting near Tien Tsin. The Chinese sought to cut the line of communication, but were driven back with small loss upon the part of the allied forces.

According to a despatch from Hongkong, dated August 24, turbulent mobs are devastating portions of the provinces of Fu Kien and Kiang Su. It is added that a mandarin, with three hundred soldiers, left Amoy on August 21 to restore order.

Japanese bluejackets were landed at Amoy on August 23.

Marines from the French cruiser Comet have cleared the streets of Swatow, and freed the besieged priests.

A despatch to a news agency from Shanghai, dated August 23, says eight survivors of the 14 English missionaries who started together from Shansi have reached Hankow, after suffering frightful barbarities.

New York, Aug. 24.—A cable to the Tribune from London says it is reported in Shanghai, in Chinese circles, that the Empress Dowager and Prince Tuan have been captured. The Emperor is said to be in Pekin with the allied forces.

Pekin, Aug. 16, via Shanghai, Aug. 23.—Japanese troops relieved Pei Tang cathedral, where 15 French nuns and 40 French soldiers have been isolated and besieged for two months. They found that five had been killed.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The question of the withdrawal of the the United States forces from Pekin to Tien Tsin or Taku has been seriously considered by the President and by his advisers, and a great deal of pressure has been brought to bear on the administration to take this step. After mature deliberation, however, it has been determined that the negotiations for the settlement of the questions growing out of the disturbances in China must take place in the Chinese capital, and that while these negotiations are pending and until they are completed, it will be necessary for the United States forces to remain in the Chinese capital.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns For the Week for Canadian Cities.

New York, Aug. 24.—Bank clearings for Dominion of Canada for the week are: Montreal, $12,693,180, decrease 10 per cent.; Toronto, $8,250,824, decrease 7 per cent.; Winnipeg, $2,164,021, increase 23.5 per cent.; Halifax, $1,552,265, increase 32.3 per cent.; Hamilton, $682,512, increase 4.6 per cent.; St. John, $697,475; Vancouver, $955,405; Victoria, $689,046, decrease 1.1 per cent.

Victoria's Street Signs.—In an article on street signs, the Scientific American of August 18 says: "If the present city administration is anxious to obliterate the street signs, the least they can do is to offer some decent substitute in their place; and they surely would not have to seek far for a suitable one. We notice in a recent issue of Municipal Engineering a letter from Mr. C. H. Topp, city engineer of Victoria, B.C., stating that that city is making use of large letters, countersunk into the concrete walks within the store curbs, the name of the thoroughfare being inserted parallel with the street, and within a few feet of the corner. The device has obvious advantages, and if it were used in conjunction with elevated signs, it would afford all the direction that could be desired. Although sidewalk signs would scarcely be sufficient to meet the necessities of street car travellers, they would form a very effective sign for pedestrians."

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BAND CONCERT.

Fifth Regiment to Play on Government Street and City at Oak Bay.

There are to be two band concerts this evening, the Fifth Regiment band playing at the corner of Johnson and Government streets, and the City band at Oak Bay. The programme to be played by the regiment band is:

PART I.

March—"Rockaway" ..... Chambers
Overture—"Dichter und Bauer".... Suppe
Caprice—"Little Egypt"..... Bergenholtz
Cornet Solo—"Levy-Athen Polka". J. Levy
Bandsman W. V. North.
Waltz—"Kroll's Balklange"..... Lumbye

PART II.

Selection—"Les Hugenots"..... Meyerbeer
Grand Potpourri of Popular Songs.... Finn
Danse Characteristique—"Alabama". Gilder
Fantasia—"Comic Opera Gems", arr. Moses
March—"La Fiesta"..... Roncovieri
God Save The Queen

The City band will render the following programme:

Overture—"Mosaic" ..... Rollinson
Selection—"Il Trovatore"..... Verdi
Concert Valse—"Irene"..... Bennet
Japanese Dance.. ..... Baker
Intermission of 10 Minutes
Descriptive Scene "Soldier's Life" Kela Bela
Clarinet Solo—"La Plui D'Or"..... Bullion
Performed by Mr. Upton.
Ethiopian Medley—"Evening Pastimes"
..... Marshall and Wolf
March—"The Pilot"..... Sherman
God Save The Queen.

Struck By a Sign.—The windstorm of last night brought down several signs. One of the signs, that of the Mammoth clothing store, a board of no mean size, fell upon Jack Hayes, formerly proprietor of the Louvre saloon, on Johnson street. He received a severe scalp wound and was otherwise injured by the falling sign. At Cape Flattery the wind was blowing at a rate of 20 miles an hour.

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Club Regatta This Afternoon

Programme Arranged by the James Bay Athletic Association.

Next Week's Run of the Local Wheelmen—The Big Meet.

The eighth annual regatta of the James Bay Athletic Association will take place this afternoon on the harbor course, commencing at 2:15. There is a programme of thirteen events every one of which should prove interesting. Besides providing an afternoon's sport the members of the club will entertain their friends at the club house and will have a barge moored at a convenient point, so that all may see the races. The programme follows:

No. 1—First heat, club fours, ¾ mile straightaway, outer harbor to club house, start 2:15 p.m.

W. H. Jesse, stroke; K. Wollaston, J. Sprinkling, F. Widdowson, bow, colors white.

A. McLean, stroke; A. W. Merrylees, W. Laing, B. Pettingale, bow, colors blue.

No. 2—Second heat club fours, start 2:45 p.m.

W. W. Wilson, stroke; J. K. Macrae, F. A. Futcher, W. A. Winsby, bow colors white.

J. C. Bridgman, stroke; L. Gill, W. A. McKeown, L. York, bow, colors blue.

No. 3—Peterboro canoe (four padle) Consolation race between loosers of 1st and 2nd heats, club fours.

One quarter mile round buoy and return to club house. Post entries, start 3 o'clock.

No. 4—Canoe, with lady passenger, single paddle, open, one-eighth mile straightway, start 3:15 p.m., post entries.

No. 5—Final heat club fours, winners of first and second heat, Flummerfelt cup, start 3:30 p.m.

No. 6—Peterboro canoe, tandem, one-quarter mile, from club house round buoy and return, start 3:45 p.m., post entries.

No. 7—Junior singles, Dr. J. D. Helmcken cup, three-quarter mile, from club house round buoys off hospital point and return, start 4 o'clock, post entries.

No. 8—Dingy race, double sculls (open) lady coxwains, limited to boats 16 feet or under, one-quarter mile straightaway, start 4:15 o'clock, post entries.

No. 9—Peterboro canoe, five paddles, one-quarter mile, from club house round buoys and return, start 4:30 p.m.

No. 10—Senior singles, Mallandaine cup, three-quarter mile, from club house round buoys off Hospital point and return, start 4:45 p.m., post entries.

No. 11—Tilting match, Peterboro canoes, start 5 o'clock.

No. 12—Upset canoe race, start 5:15 p.m.

No. 13—Swimming race, start 5:30 p.m

VANCOUVER PROTESTS.

Judge Lampman Barred From Playing With the Legal Team.

The Vancouver Legal nine has lodged a protest against Judge P. S. Lampman's playing for Victoria in the proposed interurban game of the wearers of the wig and gown. It appears that J. H. Senkler whilst in the city last week was invited out to the Caledonia grounds to participate in the regular daily practice. Judge Lampman, who has a record for high jumping, was at the bat. He succeeded in hitting the ball, and though the ball was fielded promptly to Frank Higgins at first, the Judge by fast sprinting beat it out. Judge Lampman, who has been indulging in natutinal sea baths and five mile runs, was as frisky as a colt, just in from spring pasturing, and, instead of lingering on first, he kept on running towards second. Frank Higgins threw the ball to Dave Rogers at second, and Rogers stood waiting to touch the Judge, but to the consternation of everyone he leaped into the air clearing Roger's head by a clean foot, and had passed George Powell at short before the latter could recover from the shock caused by the judge's phenomenal base running. Anderson, though at third was onto the game, and as the judge approached him, Anderson was ready to touch the judge if he attempted another leap. The judge fooled him by sliding between his legs and safely reaching third. J. H. Senkler, who was a witness of Lampman's marvellous feat, immediately wired the secretary of the Vancouver team to protest the champion hurdler of the Victoria nine.

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AMONG THE WHEELMEN.

Another Club Run on Tuesday—The Coming Meet.

The Capital City Cycling Club will hold another of their popular runs on Tuesday evening next, leaving the Bank of Montreal at 7:30 sharp. Every person intending to take part must be there on time as the start will be made as advertised no matter who is absent. The route will be up Government and Yates streets to Cook street along Cook to Collinson or Richardson, from thence the nearest way to the Park, round the Park and down the Dallas road to the Dallas Hotel in front of which the usual concert will be held. All ladies and gentlemen using wheels are invited to attend.

The committee having in charge the soliciting of prizes for the forthcoming Cycling meet have met with a very hearty reception from the merchants so far interviewed, especially in view of a resolution passed by the executive of the club which is as follows: "That any surplus resulting from the receipts at the gate shall be devoted exclusively to the movement to secure better roads within the city limits."

A public meeting is to be called on Wednesday evening next under the auspices of the C. C. C. C., it is to ascertain whether there is any grounds for the contention of the Times that the tax proposed to be placed upon wheels is unpopular and to discuss other matters in connection with cycling from a pleasure and a business standpoint.

The entries already received for the meet on Sept 1st give every evidence of one of the biggest and best racing meets ever held in the city for five years. The track will be in splendid condition for fast time.

A COLLISION.

A Lapstreak Runs Into a Yacht and Gets Badly Smashed.

There was a collision in the inner harbor on Thursday evening. A lapstreak boat in which were W. Wilson, stroke, K. Macrae, F. Futcher, and W. Winsby, of the J.B.A.A. collided with the yacht Volage in front of the club house. The lapstreak, as can be imagined got decidedly the worst of it. Its bow was badly broken, a portion of it being smashed off. The oarsmen got a bath, and one who could not swim got a fright. The yacht was not hurt to any appreciable extent.

The lapstreak was being driven down towards the club house at a pretty good clip and the steersman was watching that the boat cleared a scow lying near the club house. He did not look out for the Volage and the boat went head on into the yacht. The bow crumpled and a piece broke upwards, the remaining portion going down and leaving the oarsmen floundering in the water. Winsby, Wilson and Macrae being swimmers easily managed to get out in short order, but Futcher being a landsman went down to his neck. He was no swimmer and does not know now how he got out. He ultimately though managed to clamber on to the yacht.

CRICKET AT ESQUIMALT.

Team to Play For Victoria at Canteen Ground To-day.

The following team will oppose Mr. Cayley's team at Esquimalt this afternoon at 2:30: J. F. Foulkes, A. Coles, E. W. Carr Hilton, W. York, C. P. Schwengers, Q. D. Warden, W. P. Gooch, A. C. Anderson, A. B. Trimen, H. P. Hilton, F. G. Fowkes.

DECLARED A FAKE.

Referee Gives His Decision on the Johnson-Hackett Race.

J. R. Russell, Police Magistrate, referee in the Johnson and Hackett boat race, took evidence under oath to-day in an investigation asked for by those who had lost money by betting on Hackett. Hackett swore he sold the race at the suggestion of Johnson and implicated W. Quann and J. McLean. Johnson was not present at the investigation, but Quann and McLean swore that Hackett's affidavit was false in every charge made. Referee Russell announced his decision that Johnson-Hackett was a fake, but reserved his decision as to whether bets should be paid or not.

MANITOBA CHAMPIONSHIP.

Winnipeg Wins the Semi-final Match From Fort William.

The semi-finals for the Manitoba senior lacrosse championship was played at Winnipeg yesterday between the Winnipeg and Fort William teams. The Winnipegs won 12 to 3 but the score does not indicate the evenness of the play, as up to half time it was the finest exhibition of lacrosse ever witnessed in Manitoba. To-morrow the Winnipegs meet the St. Paul, Minn., team in the finals.

SPORTING NOTES.

Baseball Game at Beacon Hill This Afternoon—Other Events.

There will be a baseball match at Beacon Hill this afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock between a team selected from the employees of Messrs. Muirhead & Mann and those engaged in Messrs. Lemon & Gonnason's mill. Mr. Frank Jewell manager of the Victoria baseball team will umpire the game.

While practicing in a lapstreak boat on Thursday evening one of the J. B. A. A. crews collided with the yacht Volage. The boat was badly damaged.

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(Correspondence Westminster Gazette.

Our guns had to go up a sloping depression at right angles to the Boer fire before getting into a position for opening. Every instant was of value, as the Boer shells were now dropping amongst the Imperial Light Horse and the infantry, who were just beginning to deploy. Under whip and spur they galloped up the slope—Gad! it was a sight to see how those artillery horses pulled; there was no taxpayers' money wasted there. One drops down, and the sharpness with which he is replaced by one of the spare horses would have drawn ringing rounds of applause at an Islington tournament. They take up a position at the top of the rising ground, monopolizing the attention of the Boer gunners as they unlimber.

The gunners jump from their seats sharp as sailors, unhook the limbers, leaving the guns pointed towards the enemy. Then the drivers trot off about fifteen yards, wheel round, and sit motionless on their horses facing the fire. One cannot but admire the courage required to sit cooly like that with nothing to do but watch the enemy firing deliberately at them—see the discharge and then await the arrival of the shells as they come whirring and hurling through the air. With what critical interest they must watch improvement in the enemy's shell-bowling! One was forcibly reminded of cricket bowling at Elandslaagte Many of the shells did not burst, and those that were not full-pitched came in the manner of swift bowling along the rounded, almost flat-topped surface of the rising ground; and these gunners sat as steadily as if they were the wickets just struck in the ground, with never a duck of the head or a blink of the eye. The men working the guns are kept busy all the time, and have not time to think of or watch the enemy's shells; but the drivers have nothing to do but wait and watch. The horses, with still heaving foam-streaked sides, stand panting and tossing their heads. The Boers have got the range of our batteries accurately, as it must have been previously obvious that it was the one we would have taken up. Three of the gunners have already been badly hit; immediately after, with a terrific crash, a shell hit an ammunition wagon fair—those around held their breath for a still greater explosion, but, wonderful to say, the ammunition was not exploded. When the dust had cleared, however, the wheel of the wagon was found to be smashed to matchwood, and the vehicle lay helpless and useless on its side. But still steady as rocks sit these drivers facing the music. This is courage—the real article—and the market price of this kind of British pluck is one and two-pence a day.

Three days later I was photographing these boys behind their guns on the hill at Rietfontein, standing just as quietly under a hot rifle fire at 1,200 yards' range, which the enemy kept up persistently although we had silenced their guns and actually set fire to a long line of grass on the hill from which they were firing. An innocent, harmless-looking hill it seemed, with not a Boer visible on it, yet the bright summer air simply sang with the notes of Mauser bullets—clear and musical notes when they pass over head, but with a sharp and bitter ping when they pass close.

But the best sight of all is to see our gunners going out of action. They go in at a gallop and retire at a walk. There is something delightfully contemptuous of the enemy's markmanship in this. One day outside Ladysmith was typical. A couple of batteries went out with some cavalry for a small reconnaissance in force, located the Boer gun, and quickly drove the gunners to cover. The vultures had gathered as usual at the sound of their dinner-gong, but there was no fight, and soon the guns limbered up and turned back across the plain. Immediately the Boer gunners were back at their gun, and, serving it with wonderful rapidity, sent shell after shell at our retiring batteries. The first was just short, then the two next went over; but on they went, quietly, never breaking out of the walk. Then a shell fell between a gun and a limber, and did not burst. The great vultures wheeled and circled lower, waving their shadows below them on the parched plain; but there was no dinner for them that day—not even a horse was hit. And so always when these field guns stop barking and limber up, it reminds one of pulling a dog out of a fight by the tail as they are dragged slowly, as if reluctantly, away; while the drivers don't bother to look around, and don't look a bit like heroes full of courage at the magnificent price of 1s. 2d. a day.

Nature "makes all things beautiful in their time." Every one of life's seasons, when life moves on Nature's lines, has its own charm and beauty. Many women dread that period when they must experience change of life. They fear that face and form may suffer by the change, and that they may fail to please those whom they love. The value of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription in this crisis of woman's life lies in the fact that it assists Nature. Its use preserves the balance and buoyancy of the mind and sustains the physical powers. Many women have expressed their gratitude for the help and comfort given by "Favorite Prescription" in this trying period. Its benefits are not passing, but permanent, and conduce to mental happiness as well as physical strength.

DIED.

METCALF—At Port Angeles, on the 22nd inst., Edward Metcalf, a native of Yorkshire, England, aged 57 years.

The funeral will take place from Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas street, at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

Notice to Contractors.

Tenders will be received on or before Wednesday, August 29, at 5 p. m., for the erection and completion of a two-story brick building on Douglas street.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned.

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I. O. O. F.

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The members of Dominion Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., are requested to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Edward Metcalf on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the hall, Douglas street.

Sojourning brethren are invited to attend.

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WANTED—Position in office or store by well educated young man. Address Y. C., this office. a22

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A furnished or unfurnished house with 8 or 9 rooms and all modern conveniences in a good locality Apply Heisterman & Co. a22

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LOST OR FOUND.

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FOUND—Overcoat near outer wharf. Owner can have same on proving property and paying expenses. Apply Driard porter.

LOST—On Thursday night, a bunch of keys, between Victoria West and Victoria post office. Will finder kindly leave same at the Victoria Book and Stationary Company, Limited? a24

LOST—Bunch of keys on a ring attached to a crown leather cane. Finder please leave same C. O'Brien, at Mr. Cassidy's office, 32 Langley street. a23

LOST—One Canadian Pacific railway ticket to Montreal, signed by Geo. Simpson. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to R. P. Rithet & Co.'s office. a23

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VANCOUVER & QUADRA LODGE, No. 2, A.F.&A.M. meets 3rd Wednesday of each month—Masonic Temple, 80 Douglas St.—8 p.m. A. MAXWELL MUIR, Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Sale of Crown Land By Tender.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned, up to noon of Thursday, 20th September, for the purchase of Lot 176, Cassiar District, containing 101 acres, situated at the junction of Pine Creek with Arlin Lake. The sale will be subject to payment by the purchaser of the appraised value of the improvements which have been made on the lot, and no tender of a less price than $5.00 per acre will be entertained.

W. S. GORE,
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Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 10th August, 1900.

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Second—Price per cord for furnishing and delivering at the North Dairy Farm Pumping Station and piling where required One Hundred Cords of good, dry, red fir wood, in 4-foot lengths, to be delivered on or before October 15.

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Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., Aug. 23, 1900.

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More Tramps Are Coming

Quite a Fleet of Wanderers is Drawn to This Coast.

Second Mate of the Hawaiian Isles Killed by an Accident.

Quite a big fleet of tramp vessels are being drawn to the Pacific Coast by the demands of the war in China, and the lumber, coal and other trades, in which tonnage is needed and which are offering big prices to vessels. The steamer Arab arrived at Seattle a couple of days ago from Moji, and there are no less than six other vessels on berth or en route to the Sound from Oriental ports, exclusive of the vessels regularly engaged in the Oriental trade. The Tiger, a Norwegian tramp, is listed to sail from Hongkong, and the Moyune and Inverness, two British tramp steamers, are coming from Shanghai. The British steamer Teenkai and the Dutch steamer Wilhelmina are to come from Yokohama. Two steamers are also bound to this port, the Buckingham, from Java, with sugar for the British Columbia refinery, and the Condor, with nitrate and sugar from Salavery. Many of these vessels will doubtlessly be taken up by the United States government or the German government to carry munitions to China, but should they not be taken for the government service, both coal shippers and lumber operators are offering big prices for carriers, and they are sure of an advantageous charter by coming to this coast. There never was a time when shipping was more in demand on this coast than at present.

When the large number of vessels which came around from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific during the Klondike boom is considered, and the fact is noted that few of these vessels have left these waters since, it will be seen that the increased trade on the Pacific must have indeed advanced rapidly to produce such a demand for carriers.

The vessels brought around from the Atlantic during the Klondike boom were in their time among the finest and fastest of the trans-Atlantic fleet, but with the introduction of the modern liners these vessels were forced into the background, and the trade of the Pacific offered them a more profitable trade than that of competing with the monster ocean liners of to-day. The Tartar and Athenian, of the C. P. R., now engaged in transport business, were both Ward liners on the Atlantic. The Empire line has five of its old liners in the Pacific. They are the Ohio, Pennsylvania, Conemaugh, Indiana and Illinois. The Portland, of the St. Michael run, was formerly the filibustering steamer Haytian Republic, and the Roanoke ran from New York to Southern points, the Cottage City run to Cottage City from New York, and the Dolphin ran from New York along the Eastern coast.

In a recent article on Atlantic shipping the New York Tribune says that more steamers, which have been crowded out by the newer, faster and larger vessels demanded by the Atlantic trade, will probably be sent around the Horn at the close of the present season.

OFFICER KILLED.

The Second Mate of the Hawaiian Isles Falls Down Hold of That Vessel.

The ship Hawaiian Isles, one of the fleet formerly of Hawaii, now flying the Stars and Stripes, arrived yesterday, after a passage of close on seventy days from Honolulu. She experienced a succession of calms. While in the Gulf of California the good ship lay where the wind was not for about twenty-five days. She was almost motionless, and there was no need for a man at the wheel.

During the voyage the second mate was killed by falling into the hold. The hatches were off for purposes of ventilation and to allow of the men working. How the second mate came to fall was not known, for there was no one near at the time. He was missed and it was some time afterwards before any one thought of looking into the hold for him. There he was found, lying outstretched, unconscious. He remained unconscious until he died, two hours later.

The Hawaiian Isles will go to the Esquimalt marine ways to be repaired after the Star of Italy and Sussex complete their repairs.

FOR SOUTHERN SEAS.

Aorangi Sails for Sdyney, Brisbane and Honolulu With Large Cargo.

R. M. S. Aorangi sailed for Sydney, via Honolulu and Brisbane, last night. She had about thirty saloon, forty intermediate and sixteen steerage passengers. She had a large cargo, consisting of widely assorted consignments. Included was a large amount of machinery from Chicago for Sydney. The liner sailed about 11 p. m.

THE CONDOR COMING.

Norwegian Steamer to Bring Nitrate From South America.

The Norwegian steamer Condor will, it is reported, load nitrate and other cargo for this port shortly on the west coast of South America. The steamer sailed from New Orleans on the 10th inst. for Bluefields. The Buckingham is on the way from Java also. It is likely that both steamers will be taken on their arrival to load lumber outward.

EXPANSION ARRIVES.

Will Load Mining Props at Cowichan For Santa Rosalia.

The schooner Expansion, a newly built American vessel of 672 tons, arrived in the Royal Roads yesterday morning from Santa Rosalia to load props for a return voyage to Santa Rosalia on account of W. A. Ward. The mine owners of Mexico are buying a great many million feet of mining props in British Columbia. It is but a few weeks since two other cargoes were loaded at Cowichan for there. The Defiance and A. J. West both loaded good cargoes for the Mexicans.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

MARINE NOTES.

The French bark Colbert is on berth at Liverpool for this port.

Steamer Danube is due from Skagway to-morrow, and the Princess on Monday or Tuesday.

Steamer Cottage City is fully due from Alaskan ports. She was scheduled to arrive yesterday.

The bark Oregon, which has been repaired on the marine slip, was towed to Port Blakely by the tug Holyoke to receive a cargo of lumber.

Finance and Commerce

London, Aug. 24—Discount rates stiffened on the market to-day in anticipation of an increased demand in connection with the settlement next week and the month end requirements. On the approach of the settlement less disposition is manifested to make fresh agreements. Home railroads were firm, especially Great Eastern and Great Western, the bears endeavoring to repurchase in a market bare of stock. American securities opened fairly firm but irregular then eased off and closed firm Dealings were confined to professionals. Grand Trunks rallied smartly on the report of the traffic in place of the expected decrease.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

New York, Aug. 24—Reports regarding business conditions in the Dominion of Canada continue encouraging although some dullness is still noticed in British Columbia. St. John finds no improvement in jobbing trade but some retail lines are better owing to the tourist travel. The lobster season has ended with only a fair catch but prices are good and other fish plentiful. Conditions are unchanged at Halifax, prospects continuing encourging and collections fair, wholesale trade in groceries, teas and canned goods is fairly active at Toronto and hardware metals are in good demand, but leather and hides are dull. Crop reports continue encouraging. The prices of farm and diary products are firm at Hamilton but there is no mercantile change in general trade. The volume of business is good for the season at Quebec, with collections satisfactory. There is no special features at Vancouver, leading lines enjoying moderate business, but the outlook is not encouraging and retailers complain of dullness. Business conditions show no material change at Victoria but are on the whole satisfactory and collections are medium. Business failures in U. S. aggregate 135 for week against 168 last week.

TORONTO MINING QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by A. W. More & Co.)

Toronto, Aug. 24.—Closing quotations today were:

	Asked.	Bid.
Athabasca	20	20
B. C. Gold Fields	3	2½
Big 3	2¼	1¾
Black Tail	14cents	
Brandon and Golden Crown	17	14
Butte and Boston	3½	2¾
Canadian G. F. S.	7½	7
Cariboo McKinney	90	86
Cariboo Hydraulic	1.25	1.05
Centre Star	1.54	1.50
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	37.75	35.00
California	9	8
Dardanelles	2½	1¼
Deer Trail Con.	4¾	4
Evening Star	9	8
Fairview Corp	2⅝	2¼
Golden Star	7⅝	7⅛
Gold Hills	3	2
Giant	3	2¼
Hammond Reef	5¾	5¼
Iron Mask	32	26
Jim Blaine	12	5
King	6	4
Knob Hill	65	56
Lone Pine—Surprise Con.	11	9
Monte Christo	3½	3
Montreal Gold Fields	3½	3
Montreal and London	19	18
Morning Glory	4	3¼
Mountain Lion	64	52
Noble Five	6	4¾
North Star	97½	94
Novelty	2¼	1
Old Ironsides	75	68
Olive	9	6
Payne	90½	88½
Princess Maud	3	2
Rambler Cariboo Con.	22½	22½
Republic	73	69½
Slocan Sovereign	14¾	8
Van Anda	2¾	1¾
Victory Triumph	2	1½
Virtue	64	58
War Eagle Con.	1.53	1.50
Waterloo	2¼	2
Winnipeg	10	8

MORNING SALES.

Deer Trail—4,500 at 4¼.
Fairview—500 at 2½.
Golden Star—500 at 7½, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 7⅜, 1,000 at 7.
Hammond Reef—1,000 at 6, 2,000 at 6, 100 at 5¾.
Montreal Gold Fields—500 at 3½.
Van Anda—4,000 at 2.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Hammond Reef—5,000 at 5¾.
Okanagan—3,000 at 2½.
Monte Christo—1,000 at 3¾ (30 days).
Virtue—500 at 64.

DAILY MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by B. Williams & Co.)

New York Aug. 24.—The following quotations ruled this day on the Stock Exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amn. Sugar	122⅝	122⅝	121⅝	122¼
Amn. Tobacco	93¼	93¼	92⅞	92⅞
People's Gas	95⅞	96	95⅛	96
C. M. & St. P.	113⅝	113⅝	113¼	113⅝
C. B. & Q.	125½	125½	125¼	125¼
Manhattan	91½	91½	91¼	91¼
C. R. I. & P.	106½	106½	106⅜	106½
Brooklyn R. T.	56	56	55¼	55⅝
Atch. & S. F. pfd.	70⅛	70⅝	69⅞	69⅞
Tenn. C. & I.	69¾	70⅞	69¾	70⅞
Amn. S. & W. com.	34⅞	35	34⅝	34¾
B. & O.	72⅛	72¼	71⅝	72
L. & N.	71¾	71¾	71½	71¾
Cont. Tobacco	26	26¼	26	26

Money loaning 1½ per cent.

A MIGHTY SCHOONER.

The Biggest Vessel of Her Kind Ever Launched.

From North American.

The largest schooner that the world has ever seen was launched yesterday from the yard of H. H. Bean, at Camden, Me. She was built exclusively for the Philadelphia coal trade, and before the end of September will arrive in this port to load coal for the North. She is a six-master of 2570 tons net register, with a carrying capacity of 5000 tons on a draft of twenty-four feet.

Owing to steam hoists for the sails and all other labor saving devices, she will require but fourteen men to operate her.

She is the first six-master ever built and the largest schooner in the list, either afloat or on the stocks.

The vessel cost $120,000. One hundred and fifty men have been employed for four months in her construction, and her launching yesterday was one of the greatest events in the modern shipbuilding history of America.

The schooner was named George W. Wells, of Southbridge, Mass., on of the principal owners, whose daughter christened the vessel with a shower of roses and the liberation of a flock of white doves.

Her managing owner is Captain John G. Crowley, of Taunton, Mass., world-famed as the exponent of mammoth schooners. He will command her on her first trip to Philadelphia, and then turn her over to his brother, Captain Arthur Crowley, who is only 30 years of age.

The masts are of Oregon pine, brought from the Pacific coast by rail, Most of the spars are of native spruce. The vessel is fitted with pumps which will throw 1200 gallons a minute, and she has electric bells, baths, with hot and cold water and a telephone line from the after house to the galley and engine room.

Much speculation has been indulged in among shipping men regarding the name to be given to the sixth and last mast on the schooner. The masts are named, beginning forward as follows: foremast, mainmast, mizzenmast, spankermast, jiggermast and drivermast.

THE SHIRT WAIST MAN.

Oh, Horrid Thing!
You Shirt Waist Man
Get Hence!
Don't you know
That you're not planned
For neglige effects?
Can't you realize
That if we allow you
To leave off your coat
There's no knowing where you'd stop?
For you're just the sort
That needs an iron hand
To keep you in your place
And that is your coat!
No velvet paw,
No angel's touch will ever lead you
But a few swift lines
Like these
May make you see
The error of your ways
It may be true that you have your trousers made
With high hips
Whatever that may mean;
And that you sport a belt
In which you seem to have perfect confidence.
But, oh!
Lal—lal-la-la-la!
Poor thing,
Don't you know
That if you wear a shirt waist
You must have dress shields,
And a pulley belt,
And one of the new straight front ones,
And safety pins,
And lattice work effects
Through which there is
A dim shadowy view,
Low-necked
Cut "V,"
And finished with a fence,
Through which runs baby ribbon,
So called,
Though not for infant's wear
Exclusively,
And dinky little bows?
It takes all this
To make a shirt waist possible.
But there are lots of things,
Shirt-Waist Man
That you've yet to learn.
Take heed,
Cling to your coat,
And shoes,
And socks,
And other queer things that you wear.
For truly, Shirt-Waist Man,
You are a sight
To make the angels
Flap there wings and coo with merriment.
Now, be nice,
Put on your coat
And try to forget you ever took it off
And wore high hips.
Shirt-Waist Man,
You won't do.

Kate Masterson.

"What makes you think," asked the member of the cabinet, "that you would be an ornament to the diplomatic corps?"

"Sir," replied the other, with conscious pride, "for four years I directed a church choir."—Philadelphia Record.

"We've cured that clerk who was always in debt to all of us."

"How did you do it?"

"Why, the minute he gets paid we all borrow of him."—Indianapolis Journal.

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Mamma—He is not striking at her, dear.

Gladys—Then why does she scream so?

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For terms and prospectus apply by letter and between 12 and 4 p.m. to the principal, Miss Devereux.

NAVAL CONTRACTS

Tenders will be received on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty until noon of Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of August, 1900, for supplying such quantities of Fresh Beef, Mutton, Vegetables, Soft Bread, Biscuit, Tea, Sugar, Flour, Salt, Preserved Beef and Preserved Mutton as may be required for Naval Purposes at Esquimalt, also for Milk, Butter, Eggs and Fowls for the Naval Hospital for a period of one year, commencing on the 1st of October next.

Tenders are also invited for the supply of 50,000 pounds of Salt Pork and 25,000 pounds of Salt Beef, the whole to be delivered by the 30th of April, 1901.

The necessary forms and any further information can be obtained by application at this office.

Tenders to be endorsed and addressed to the Assistant Victualling Store Officer, in charge.

C. W. CROYSDILL,
Assistant Victualling Store Officer in charge
Royal Naval Yard, August, 1900.

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Victoria, June 4th, 1900.

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Leave Comox and Union Wharf Tuesday 11 p.m. for Nanaimo direct, connecting at Nanaimo with steamer "Joan" and E. & N. train.
Leave Nanaimo Wednesday 7 a.m. for Victoria, calling at Fernwood, Ganges Harbor and Fulford.
Leave Victoria Thursday 7 a.m. for Nanaimo, calling at Fulford, Ganges Harbor and Fernwood.
Leave Nanaimo Friday 4 a.m. for Union Wharf and Comox direct.
Leave Comox and Union Wharf 11 a.m. Friday for Nanaimo, calling at Denman and Hornby and Big and Little Qualicum.
Leave Nanaimo Saturday 4 a.m. for Victoria calling at Kuper Island, Vesuvius and Burgoyne.
GEO. L. COURTNEY, Traffic Manager.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia
IN PROBATE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER FRANK, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Alexander Frank, late of the city of San Francisco, California, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their claims or demands, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, to Benjamin S. Oddy, of 106 Government street, Victoria, B. C., administrator cum testamento annexo of all the estate and effects of the said deceased within this province, on or before the 5th day of September next, after which date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Alexander Frank amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he has then had notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim the said executor has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 5th day of August, A. D. 1900.

B. S. ODDY, Administrator.
A. L. Belyea, solicitor for administrator.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARCHIBALD CARMICHAEL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Archibald Carmichael, late of Victoria, B. C., deceased, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their claims or demands duly verified and the nature of the securities, (if any), held by them, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned, H. Dallas Helmcken, of 20 Bastion street, Victoria, B. C., the executor of the personal estate of the deceased, on or before the 14th day of September next, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Archibald Carmichael amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he has then had notice and that the said executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose claim the said executor has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

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H. DALLAS HELMCKEN, Executor of the Estate of Archibald, Carmichael, deceased.

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FOR ALASKA
Leave SEATTLE 9 p.m.
Queen—Aug. 8, 23.
Cottage City—Aug. 13, 28, Sept. 12, 27, Oct. 12.
City of Topeka—Aug. 3, 18, Sept. 2, 17, Oct. 2.
Al-Ki—Aug. 15, Sept. 7, 22, Oct. 7.
And every fifth day thereafter.
The steamer Cottage City or Queen will leave Victoria for Alaska at 6 a.m., Aug. 9, 14, 24, 29, Sept. 13, 28, Oct. 13.
For further information obtain company's folder. The company reserves the right to change steamers, sailing dates and hours of sailing, without previous notice.
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THE WAR.

The London Times' correspondent with Buller's force gives a little news about Strathcona's Horse. Writing on July 7, he says that on June 30 "Strathcona's Horse, a very fine body of men, had joined Lord Dundonald's Brigade the day he returned from Wakkerstroom. They had previously marched through Zululand without coming in contact with the enemy, and were extremely keen for an engagement. During the second day's march they had their opportunity. Two troops scouting on the right flank became engaged by a considerably superior number of Boers. The men, though evidently very new to this kind of warfare and ignorant of mounted infantry methods, fought pluckily and well, and succeeded in driving off the Boers before a section of "A" Battery came to their assistance. They lost a man killed and two missing, including the officer in command of the party, but accounted for four Boers. The Boers, possibly mistaking them for their own men, had at one time come within 30 yards and one was shot with a revolver." He also tells us that "on July 5 a squadron of Strathcona's Horse, returning through a defile, got into difficulties and had to be extracted by Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry and the Chestnut Battery, with a loss of six men taken prisoners."

In a despatch, dated at Paardekop, August 4, the Times says:

An act of treachery on the part of the Boers occurred a few days ago. A party of the enemy sent a messenger to the officer commanding at Waterfall, notifying him of their willingness to surrender, but objecting to come into camp, as they preferred, they said, to make a show of being captured. Fifteen of Strathcona's Horse went to the allotted place. The officer took the precaution to approach the house which had been selected as a rendezvous, in extended order, and it was well that he did so, for the Boers opened fire. Three native scouts in front were shot, one being killed and two wounded, when within 50 yards of the house. At the same time a sergeant was called on to surrender on the right. He vehemently replied, "Never," and turned his horse round. The Boers fired and the sergeant was killed on the spot, the bullet piercing his heart. A trooper who was wounded was found next day by a patrol. Thirteen of the enemy had surrendered at the same place the previous day.

The work of rounding up the enemy continues satisfactorily; but there is a provoking lack of details. Thus we are told that Kitchener's casualties on the 22nd were eight in number, but no report has come of what he accomplished on that day. Buller also had seven killed and twenty-one wounded and five missing on the 21st, but nothing is told about what his force gained in the engagement, or where it took place. This is specially interesting because the last we heard of Strathcona's Horse was that they were with Buller. Of course as no Canadians are reported to have been included in the list, the presumption is that none were. Baden-Powell has released some British prisoners at Warmbad, not Warmbaths, as the despatches have it. This is a station of the Pietersburg railway, about 20 miles north of Pinnaar's and about 80 miles from Pretoria.

The decision of the court martial on Lieut. Cordua, imposing a sentence of death for being a ringleader in the plot to abduct General Roberts and kill British prisoners, will be a salutary lesson to the enemy, who have been taking grossly unfair advantage of the leniency extended to them.

RAIL TO THE NORTH

The Times says: "The Conservatives in the House of Commons and in the Senate have practically put themselves on record as opposing any scheme that will connect the Yukon country with British Columbia." This is a bald untruth. They placed themselves on record as opposed to a particular scheme. The Colonist thought at the time that it was a mistake to do this and said so in the plainest terms, but opposition to the proposed contract with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann cannot be interpreted by any twist of ingenuity to mean antagonism to any all-Canadian line to the Yukon. The Conservatives in parliament have never shown themselves opposed to railway enterprises calculated to advance Canadian interests. They have been opposed to jobbery and the sacrifice of the public welfare, and if they thought such a sacrifice was contemplated by the contract referred to, events in the Yukon justified the idea.

THE COAL TAX.

Mr. Martin suggested that the imposition of 5 cents a ton upon all coal mined was hardly fair to those companies which already pay a royalty; but his criticism was very fairly met by Mr. Turner, when he said that it did not alter the relative position of the companies. He might have gone further, if Mr. Martin had pressed the matter very earnestly, and pointed out that the companies, which do not pay royalties, acquired their rights by virtue of certain contracts, not imposing a royalty, and those companies, which do pay them, acquired their rights under contracts carrying the royalty. The companies which do not pay royalties are those on Vancouver Island. Most of the mines owned by the Dunsmuirs are a part of a railway subsidy, and the contract called for no royalty. A portion of the mines of these companies were purchased and paid for, just as the land on which the mines of the New Vancouver Coal Company were obtained. No royalty attached to coal raised on these properties and it may be presumed that the absence of any royalty was an influencing factor in determining the price paid. So also it may be assumed that the owners of coal mines paying royalties took into account the liability to such an impost. It would therefore be manifestly unjust to alter the relative position of the owners of the different classes of mines by confining the tax to those which pay no royalty.

OPPRESSED FINLAND.

Some months ago the world was greatly concerned to learn that the Russian government, in defiance of the rights secured to the Duchy of Finland under a solemn treaty, had determined upon bringing that portion of the empire under the rigorous provisons of the military regulations. There was a great outcry and very many Finns at once began to make arrangements to leave the country. Since then things have been going from bad to worse. A ukase has just been issued declaring that Russian is the official language of the country. This is a tremendous hardship. Only a small portion of the people speak Russian. A part of the agreement with Finland is that all but a few of the officials shall be Russians. The new ukase will make them all Russians. The Finnish Diet at first refused to promulgate the decree and a large proportion of the membership forthwith resigned, but the people who surround the Czar knew how to get easily over an obstacle of that nature. But the unwillingness of the Diet has not been lost upon the Russian government, and the minister who has the matter in charge has suggested to the Czar that the existence of a representative body, which will presume to question the Imperial will, may very well be dispensed with. Such a conclusion is likely to be reached at an early day.

There is something inexpressibly sad in the spectacle of a free government being extinguished at the will of an absolute despotism. Unfortunately the political condition of the world is such, and the power of Russia is so enormous, that no nation cares to interfere, and Finland is apparently about to meet the fate, which befel Poland. Russia is a vast anomaly. Its existence is more incongruous than that of China.

ROUMANIAN JEWS.

There are about 300,000 Jews in Roumania and they are leaving the country as rapidly as possible. They are nearly all of the artizan class, and the Roumanian government has organized a sort of trades-union, one of the principles of which is that no "alien" can be employed at his handicraft. Jews are aliens in Roumania although the ancestors of the majority of them have lived in the country for centuries. In point of fact the Jewish population of this principality are among its most ancient inhabitants. The Roumanians, so-called, are a mixed race resulting from inter-marriages between Slavs, Greeks, the descendants of Roman colonists and other races. They may be regarded as homogeneous, but they have no more right to claim Roumania as their country than the Jews have. Being in the great majority, they have been able to impose their views upon the minority, and no Jew, even if his ancestors have lived in the country since the dawn of the Christian era, can become a citizen unless he pays a heavy fee to the government.

Of these Jews a considerable number have come to America during the year, most of them going to the United States but fully 1,000 have taken up their abode in Canada. We referred to the influx of Roumanians a few days ago, saying that they were likely to seriously affect the rate of wages in those cities where they settled. The Baron de Hirsch Institute, which has undertaken to see that these immigrants shall not become a charge upon the country, has managed to find employment for all who have landed as yet, and it is claimed that, while at first they may accept lower wages than Canadians, they are not at all likely to continue to do so. The Jew in Roumania is accustomed to work for a small wage, and hence is ready to accept a low figure in Canada, but when he once learns what artizans expect here, he will want it himself. There is no doubt that the Jews will make excellent settlers in Canada, although we should much prefer to see a farming class come to the country. We have room for any number of farmers, but the supply of artizans is quite equal to the demand.

A RAILWAY POLICY

The session of the legislature is drawing to a close, and already members are beginning to look forward to the time when the house will next be called together, which will surely be not more than five months hence. One reason for this is the general understanding that the government proposes to bring down in the session of 1901 a comprehensive and definite railway policy. Strong pressure was brought to bear to induce the government to make a beginning in this line during the present year, but the Premier felt that the wisest course is to defer the whole question until he has had an opportunity of maturing a plan and of ascertaining how far the co-operation of the Federal government can be secured. While this decision will undoubtedly be a disappointment to some persons, it will commend itself to the judgment of the majority of the people. Five or six months will soon pass away. Indeed they are quite as short as the government will need to perfect a plan of general application.

Mr. Brown thinks that there ought to be some officer in this province clothed with the right to decide what is a fair wage. We do not see how this can be regarded as anything else than a chimera.

The decision of the government to proceed with the re-building of Government House and the cordial manner in which it was received by the house is very gratifying to the people of Victoria, and we feel sure will meet with the approval of the whole province.

Time may show that there is something in what Mr. Brown said about the coal tax, namely: that it may call for some modification after a few years of practical experience. But he was unquestionably right when he said that it was well to pass the bill as it stands.

We have no wish to follow the Times into personalities in the federal campaign, but we protest against the publication of such observations as the following, which appeared in its issue of yesterday: "Of course no one would expect Senator Macdonald to comprehend the intricacies of the situation, or Mr. Earle to keep awake long enough to understand the nature of the game." Remarks like this in the columns of our contemporary invite retorts in kind. We suggest in the interests of good feeling that they should be discontinued.

PRESS COMMENT.

MACKENZIE AND TARTE.

From Hamilton Spectator.

It is quite legitimate for a Tory journal to point out the difference between the "old Liberals" and the "new Liberals" to the detriment of the latter. But it is not legitimate for a Grit journal to claim that because the Tory paper points to that difference it (the Tory paper) is in love with the old Liberals. Even the Toronto Globe is guilty of this sort of foolishness. Mention the fact that Tarte spends money where Mackenzie saved it, and the Globe replies that the Tories "abused" Mackenzie as they are abusing Tarte—the Globe has a bad habit of saying "abuse" when it means "criticism." Of course, the Tories criticised Mackenzie; his policy was not theirs; he did things they held to be wrong, and criticism was quite legitimate. Tarte does other things which are wrong, and he, too, is criticised. But when a Tory journal criticises Tarte for his extravagance and mentions the sleepless economy of Mackenzie, that Tory journal does not endorse Mackenzie's "magnificent water stretches," his Neebing hotel, his piles of rusty rails, his cheeseparing proclivities, his fly-on-the-wheel policy, his tariff revenue. It was for these things the Tories "abused" Mackenzie; it is for other things they "abuse" Tarte.

THE GROWING DEBT.

From Moncton N. B. Times.

The Toronto Globe claims that there has been a reduction in the number and amount of farm mortgages in Ontario and says the people would be very foolish to vote against the government that has placed them in a position to reduce their indebtedness in this way. The idea that the government in taking twelve million dollars more a year from the people in taxes has contributed to their prosperity is too absurd to need consideration. If the farmer is better off it is because of the succession of good crops and the better prices for wheat and cheese due to the war and the good time in England He is better off in spite of the government, and the very fact that he is reducing his indebtedness is the strongest condemnation of the spendthrifts now in power. There is a great big mortgage on Canada, and instead of reducing that, as it should have done with the enormous revenue at its disposal, the Laurier government, with all its boasted surplus, has added to it seven or eight million dollars.

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BICYCLE PATHS.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir:—In last evening's "Times" there appeared an article under the heading "The Bicycle" which purports to have been written for the public good and because a young lady had written protesting against the proposed tax, and with a view, if possible, of preventing the city fathers from imposing a tax on bicycles. I shall be pleased if you will allow me through the columns of your paper to meet some of the objections raised in the said article. It is first stated that it would be unjust to make the hard working girls pay a tax such as that proposed. We answer that in our opinion any girl would save the amount of the proposed tax ($1.00 a year) in a few months by reason of the lessened wear and tear of her bicycle to say nothing of the amount saved in the way of doctor's bills, owing to the smooth roads lessening the shock to her system. School girls and young people living at home would pay but fifty cents per year. The writer next states that he has not noticed bicycle paths in any city in which the streets are so narrow as in Victoria. We may say that the streets are plenty wide enough—seeing that they cannot be changed and it is a fact that whether we have bicycle paths or not people will continue to ride, and what we wish to do is to lessen the travel on the narrow streets by building paths on the wider streets. For example, build a path up Yates street and so stop the crowding on the little piece of path accidentally made on Fort street between Cook and Douglas streets, which is so appreciated by the public that all the city travels these few blocks. The Times writer informs us that the bicycle is no longer a plaything, and in that we agree; and it is for this reason and no other we want the paths. The Workingman and others who use their bikes throughout the city do so in order to save time, and we maintain the paths would conduce to this end, and that everyone after having had the pleasure of a ride would be willing to pay double the proposed tax. With regard to the statement that Victoria's roads are as good as any on the continent, we would say that the writer must be a great traveller to form such an opinion, and if his statements are true the sooner the continent mends its ways the better. There will always be kickers when a movement is on foot to improve the ways of a city, and each person is asked to contribute his mite, but I, with many others, have not found one amongst the working class or others who objects to this proposed tax, and it seems a pity not to have the paths when nine-tenths of the riders wish for them, and are willing to contribute towards their construction. If the streets were good we would not need paths; but they are not and will not be in first class condition for years to come.

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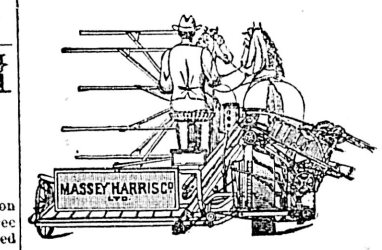

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Hereafter all advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on pages 4 and 8.

Steamer Rosalie.—This steamer will leave to-day at 9 a.m. for Port Townsend and Seattle, and returning will leave Seattle at 11 p.m. E. E. Blackwood, agent.

Condemned Shacks.—At a special meeting of the city council it was decided to give the owners of the condemned shacks on the corner of Government and Fisguard street until September 2 to remove the same.

Lots of Water.—Letters received from Nome yesterday contain information that the rain for which the miners have been looking for some time has come in earnest. Those not provided with hip boots have to take to boats when moving about the town.

Tramway Improvements.—On Monday next the tramway company will commence work on the double tracking of Yates and Government streets. A large number of men will be employed and the work pushed with all expedition.

The Grain Crop.—Farmers who have a considerable quantity of grain cut are anxious that there shall be no more rain until they have completed harvesting. The downpour of yesterday and the previous evening did not do much damage, but more rain would prove disastrous.

Yukoner Dead.—The death occurred at San Francisco on Monday, as the result of a surgical operation, of W. J. Walther, manager of the Yukon Iron Works, at Dawson. Deceased was well known here, being a frequent visitor during a long residence at Port Townsend, and since his removal to Dawson.

Can't Practise Palmistry.—The two palmists who have been plying their vocation in the city the past weeks with considerable profit will do so no longer, the police authorities having informed them that they must no longer do business. This action was taken under a section in the criminal code which makes it an indictable offense for any person to practise the profession of fortune-telling.

Wife-Beater Arrested.—A bootblack named Busbee, who conducts a stand in Trounce avenue, was taken in charge by the police yesterday, on complaint of his wife, who charges him with having assaulted her. The poor woman went to the police station with blood streaming down her face. She said her husband had been drinking and in an ugly mood struck her on the face, inflicting painful injury. The case will come up for hearing in the police court this morning.

Mount Sicker Mines.—Henry Croft, manager of the Mount Sicker B. C. Mining Co., returned yesterday afternoon from a flying visit of inspection to the company's properties at Mount Sicker. Grading has been completed for a distance of one mile on the railway which is to connect the mines with the E. & N. railway at Westholme. In making a cut a fine body of ore was uncovered adjacent to the Seattle claim. Development work will be at once started on the new showing and pushed with vigor.

Died at Seattle.—G. E. Johnson, of Ashcroft, died in Seattle a few days ago and was buried there on Thursday. He was passing through that city on his way to California, where he was going for his health. He was unable to proceed further on his journey and was taken to the hospital, where he died after a short time. The deceased was 43 years of age and leaves two children in Ashcroft, and a wife, whose whereabouts are unknown. H. L. Roberts, of Victoria, one of the executors of Mr. Johnson's estate, directed the plans for the funeral.

Police Court.—In the police court yesterday, Thomas Turnbull was charged with the theft of $1.95 from a siwash. The latter not attending the court in time to give evidence, the case was remanded until this morning. The charge of assault against John Lawson, preferred by his wife, was withdrawn. The case of John Woods, who is charged with driving over one of the city bridges at a pace faster than a walk, was further remanded for one week. Two drunks were convicted and the customary sentences imposed.

SOME SNAPPY SCARF SNAPS—Our north window is full of fine Neckwear which were fifty, sixty and seventy-five cents each. Your choice on Saturday evening for a quarter.

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Victorian's Adventures

Mr Brennan Tells of the Incidents of the Siege of Mafeking.

How Two Gunners Saved Cannon Kopje—The Brickfields Fight.

Eloff's Sneak Into the City The Railway Men In Action.

Mr. Harry S. Brennan, one of the Victorians who fought for the flag in Mafeking, who, as told yesterday in these columns, has arrived home from the theatre of war, in an interview given to the Colonist, tells of many intensely dramatic and strange events of the siege, which, told by one who took part in the exciting actions, are indeed of striking interest.

"It was four years ago that I left here for South Africa," said Mr. Brennan, and I was driving an engine on the Bechuanaland railway when the war began. On October 12 we drew up at the little station of Mafeking, and on the platform men were eagerly scanning the notices and proclamations and discussing the war. Great excitement prevailed. We had been in about twenty minutes when the word was passed that the communications had been cut north and south. The long eight months of investment was about to begin. We had an armored train, which had been made ready at Kimberley some time before, and this steel sheathed locomotive with two armored trucks was got out. We ran out some distance southward, and saw several of the Boer scouts. We exchanged shots with them, and then the first victim fell. He was a native boy, shot in mistake. We returned to Mafeking and reported, and that night all stood to arms, sandbag barricades were hurriedly built, and defences were rapidly put up at every available point. The armored train ran about outside the town, patrolling the vicinity for Boers. It carried 59 men, 30 on the first truck and 29 on the second. On the trucks were mounted two Maxims, a Nordenfeldt and a Hotchkiss. It was the Maxims that saved Mafeking. They did great execution.

"That night—the first of the long vigils of the besieged—Gol. Baden-Powell ordered one of the other engines to take the two cars of dynamite, on which were 24 tons of the explosive, out of the town, as he feared the Boer artillery would explode it. A locomotive was attached to the trucks and they were run out of the town at the first siding. The engineer was about eight miles from town when he say a large party of Boers advancing from down the line. He then pulled the pin and started back with the locomotive. The trucks ran down the line towards the Boers, and they, thinking that the coupling had in some manner become loose and the trucks contained men, poured in a fire on them as they went down the track, gaining greater speed as they sped down the grade.

"Those Boers got an awful surprise, for when the trucks got close enough to allow of their shots taking effect, the dynamite exploded and made a big killing. The Boers said not, but we saw a number of horses lying there and we knew that the Boers removed their dead whenever possible. There was, too, a big Boer burying ground we found after the siege at this point, and there had been no other fighting there, so they must have got the worst of the dynamite explosion.

"Next morning, October 13, the first action of the siege occurred. The scouts had come in during the night and reported that the Boers were advancing on the place. The armored train was ordered out, and it went as far as the Five-mile bank. A band of one hundred men of the protectorate regiment also went out on the flank of the train. We waited just over the rise, and when the Boer commandoes came over the ridge, about 6 a.m., we were ready to give them a warm reception. We fought, the train running backward and forward, for I was under orders to keep her on the move, as the Boers got the range, from 6 a.m. until 2:30 that afternoon. How the bullets did ping! They battered on the side of the train and badly dented the plate sometimes. I had a little hole to look out of it, and often I found it sufficiently large for my fancy. We lost several men, but the Boers lost many more. We saw the horses lying on the field, but it was hard to descry the men. Two of ours were killed and three died of their wounds. We could not get our dead, for the Boers kept up a terrible fire on the ambulance wagon. Old Cronje—he wasn't such a bad old man—afterwards apologized, and said his men had done so out of ignorance.

"During the fight, Major Pensera, of the Protectorate Regiment, did a heroic deed, but we never could see why he did it, unless it was to encourage his men. He rode between us and the Boers, right across their line of fire, three times, and had three horses shot down under him. He, too, had a couple of close calls, one bullet striking his water bottle and peeling all the skin off it. At about 2:30 we were ordered to retire and the train ran in, covering the retirement as it went, of the men of the Protectorate Regiment.

"In the two weeks that followed, although we had a number of alarms, we were constantly going, and had a number of little skirmishes, we had no big engagements. The big fight—one of the worst of the siege—occurred on September 26. This was the fight at Cannon Kopje, which all but ended disastrously. But for the bravery of a Cape policeman and a German, the kopje, which dominated the town and which the Boers were trying to capture to mount their guns there, and thus command the town, would have fallen. The hill was about three quarters of a mile from the town, and old Cronje made a big fight for it. We had forty men defending the place and the Boers had between 3,000 and 4,000 attacking. The defenders had two Maxims, a Nordenfeldt and a seven-pounder on the hill. It was the Maxims, though, that saved the day. The fight began at 5 a.m. and

LASTED ALL DAY

until 8:30 that evening. The fight was a very hard one. The Boers kept advancing and retiring as the defenders poured in their fire. At one time, though, they had pressed right on to within 300 yards of the town. They had put a Maxim in an ambulance wagon, and, under pretense of coming forward to pick up the dead about dusk, got within close range of the place with this gun in the wagon.

"How they did rake the kopje! Seven of ours were killed and thirty wounded, but the wounded fought on with desperation, aiding the survivors. The officers were on the verge of surrender. The gunners were swept away from the guns and there was no one to serve the Maxims. Then a Cape policeman and a German soldier took over the Maxims, and how they did swing the guns! There was not a give-up in those fellows. They fed the belts into the guns and poured a terrible fire on the advancing Boers. The hot fire broke up the Boer advance, and the place was saved. If anyone deserved the Victoria Cross those fellows did. They served those guns like heroes. The Boers retired after dusk.

"A few days after this fight, the Boers got a surprise which made them hopping mad on the west front. They had an idea that the natives might be friendly, at any rate they decided to try them. The Boers marched right up to the native stadt, which was defended by the natives. They were not prepared for the reception they received. The natives let them come up to within 300 yards of the brow of the hill behind which the natives were entrenched. The natives were armed with a number of elephant guns, rude weapons, which fired any old thing, from stones to pieces of scrap iron. These guns did not have a long range and they gave the Boers time to get well within range. Then then let them have it. They killed a number of Boers.

"The enemy were so sore over this surprise that next morning they began to fire on the women's laager, near the native stadt, and killed four women.

"Details of all these fights have already been set down, but they can give no conception of the nights of terror in which we lay in the trenches, dreaming of a square meal, without stomachs touching our backbone, watching the flashes from the enemy's Mausers and listening to the Dutch gabble in their trenches, which were at no great distance away. Often we could hear them talking very plainly. They kept us busiest from their positions on the "Brickfields." These were a number of brick kilns about 1,700 yards from the town, and how we did work to dislodge them from this plac. We had outposts in the brickfields, close to the Boer trenches, from which we kept a watch on them, and daily and nightly volunteers were called for to man tais position, for it was too hard a one to keep men there all the time. It was so close to the Boers that we had to keep standing to arms all the time. Sometimes we were so close that we were within a stone's throw of the enemy, and we pelted them with hand bombs, which we made, together with shells. We also refilled our shells and cartridges. Sometimes we also pelted the Boers from the brickfield post with stones. On many days we threw stones at each other. We had made a baricade here of earth and sand bags and had trenches behind. I have a photograph taken by the doctor when he came down to get on eof our wounded, which shows our men standing coatless and with sleeves rolled up, peppering the enemy with hand bombs.

"The fire, though, from the brickfield position of the Boers was incessant and at night it swept the town. We had to get them out of that, and were ordered by the colonel to push forward our trenches to theirs. We made a sort of steel snow plow shaped shield, and the men dug trenches, rectangular excavations, which were defensible from three sides, from behind this. Gradually we got our trenches nearer, but it was hard work. Sometimes, too, when we got close enough the men would fix bayonets and the sight of the men fixing bayonets was sometimes enough to start them backward.

"How we destroyed the kilns which sheltered them, though, was notably daring. Some of them would sneak out at night, carrying with them a sack of

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RETURNING FROM NOME.

Over a Thousand Reached Seattle on Thursday—Free Transportation.

On Thursday three steamers returned to Seattle from Cape Nome, bringing over a thousand passengers, and the Seattle papers say half a million in Nome gold. Disinterested parties say the gold comes from camps further up the river and most of that that has been in Nome was brought there by miners from elsewhere. With the departure of a large percentage of the non-working classes, conditions are improving at Nome City, but are still so bad that the United States government is offering free transportation to the sick and destitute. The transport Lawton will bring back as many as she can carry. The revenue cutters Manning, McCulloch and Wheeling, all of which were at Dutch Harbor on August 15, will also bring back as many as they can carry. Gen. Randall is arranging to get all of the undesirable resident class out of the camp before navigation is closed by winter.

Affairs at the camp on August 6 were at a standstill. There was very little business going on and everything was knee-deep in mud. There had been but little trouble with the rough element during the few days previous, but as soon as the long nights ensued it was predicted that crime and lawlessness would increase.

His Officer's Eulogy.—Mr. H. W. Sheppard has received the following letter from Lt.-Col. Otter, commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment in South Africa: "I beg to enclose you my cheque for $8, being six weeks' allowance due by me to your step-son, the late Pte. Whitley, who had been for that period looking after my horses. Any moneys due him by the government will be duly sent you by the captain of his company; also any other property he may have had at his death. I cannot tell you how sorry I was to learn of his death, as he had while with me proved himself such a willing, obliging and reliable man, and such, indeed, was his character throughout the regiment. He had been ailing for some time, and though I advised him to go to hospital, he pluckily persisted in remaining at his duty until nature refused to hold out any longer, and then, unfortunately, he had not strength nor vitality to fight against the disease, enteric fever. I most sincerely sympathize with the family, and can easily understand how he will be missed."

Called Off.—The annual picnic of the J. B. A. A., arranged to take place on Sunday, will not be held. The decision to "call it off" was arrived at by the managing committee on Wednesday evening.

Lutheran Church.—The next service in German of the Lutheran church will take place to-morrow morning at 11 in the Reformed Episcopal school, Humboldt street.

Value of Advertising.—The manager of the Hutcheson Company said to a Colonist reporter yesterday that the results which his company had obtained from advertising in the Colonist were simply phenomenal. He had seen immediate and direct results from the announcements his firm had made in the Colonist. J. Hinton, of the Hinton Electric Company, had the same statement to make. S. Reid was well pleased with the effect of advertising in the Colonist. In connection with the statement made by Mr. Spencer yesterday it should have been mentioned that his firm closes each day at 5 p.m. during the summer months and at 1 p.m. Saturdays.

For Sale—As a going concern, the business of the Ideal provision store, 72 Yates street, including delivery wagon and horse. First-class opening for the right man. For particulars apply to F. R. Stewart & Co., 40 Yates street. *

Men's suits at half-price at the Mammoth, for three days. *

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Committee On the Strike

Investigation Into Calling Out of Militia at Steveston Still Continues.

Police Officers Tell of Condition of Affairs on the River.

The principles of the eight-hour day has not as yet been extended to the field of law-making, as several of the members, notably those investigating the calling out of the militia during the Steveston strike, are finding this week. On Thursday, after sitting late the preceding evening, the committee began its labors at an early hour, and between it and the daily sitting of the house worked up a credit of at least six hours of overtime, ending their day's work some time after midnight. Yesterday they turned to again at 9 o'clock, and though delayed some time in obtaining a stenographer, they were able to take the evidence of another fair sized batch of witnesses before the hour of noon was reached. Chief amongst these was Mr. Charles Windsor, of the Gulf of Georgia, the Scottish-Canadian and four other canneries, together with officers Lister, of New Westminster, and Campbell, of Vancouver, both members of the provincial police.

C. S. Windsor, of the United Canneries Company, of Vancouver, was the first witness called. He was at Steveston during the strike. Out of their 350 boats none were fishing before the militia arrived. His white fishermen had wanted to go out, but said that they were afraid. The Japs had fished a little, or tried to, until they had some dealings with the union. A day or two before the militia came the Japs arranged to go and were about to do so as the soldiers were arriving. He thought his men had been intimidated, and had seen boats ordered ashore under threats of trouble.

He remembered the meeting of the officers. The cannerymen discussed the situation with Lester and Murray, and these officers stated that they were unable to cope with it. The magistrates were there and a request was made to them for the protection of the soldiery. They were well acquainted with affairs, and he thought were quite justified in calling out the soldiers.

The situation was made so critical by the expected attempt of the Japs to fish the next day.

He had heard from Secretary Rogers that the coming of the soldiers had prevented bloodshed, as the Indians had been excited by the white fishermen. Of these he thought the men from the Sound had made the trouble, and not the local fishermen. They are good fellows generally, so was Rogers, the secretary.

He believed in the Fishermen's Union being recognized, but would not treat with men like McClain, who was not a fisherman. The latter had been very abusive in speaking about the canners, and the latter were subject to insult on the streets.

The price of fish and afterwards the union question had been at the bottom of the trouble. He had not seen many overt acts of violence; but when Brown was maltreated, Lister was on the wharf and was not able to stop matters. He heard that he called out not to hurt Brown, and tried to rescue him. There were several other police in the town at the time.

He had seen the patrolling of the river. Boats with ten to fifteen men apiece prevented the fishermen from fishing for a fortnight before the militia came. This went on night and day. Boats with a license from the union were allowed to fish for food. They controlled the river and stopped the fishing.

The night Brown was hurt there was a big crowd—several thousands—and a great deal of excitement. They said that they would run things. He thought that the worst of them were from the United States side. He believed that many Americans had secured fishing licenses.

When fishing started many nets were cut in spite of the soldiers being there. These nets were afterwards stolen and taken to Point Roberts. One of his boats was taken in the same way. Men were after fitted out, only to cross the line and never be heard of again. This was one of the reasons why they had to resort to Japs. The Japs, too, were good fishermen and showed a disposition to pay their debts. They would not work cheap, either, and in the end had got bigger pay than the whites. The bona fide fishermen were all right, but the leaders in this trouble were not always so responsible and Steveston was the resort of a very tough crowd during the season. Mr. Kidd, however, was well thought of. (Laughter.)

George Shaw, the chief of police at Steveston, followed. He had been there during the trouble. The strikers had been visiting the Jap houses in numbers and had insisted that they should not go fishing. He had attended some of the strikers' meetings. Rogers and McClain were the speakers, and the price of fish and see it out had been the chief topics. These meetings were held before the militia came. He had not heard threats nor inflammatory language; had not been present when Brown got abused, nor had he seen any man driven off the river. He had not worked in concert with the provincial officers, and the only arrests made up to the arrival of the soldiers had been of drunken Japs. He had heard no threatenings against the Japs, except by a lot of boys and rabble. He understood that specials had been sent for by canners, but he had not worked with them, but had minded his own business. Before the soldiers came he had often heard it said that if the Japs went out there would be trouble. He did not see anyone looking for trouble, except the agitators. The price of fish, however, was the chief question. While he saw no acts of violence, he thought the Japs would be excited and intimidated by the demonstrations taking place when their houses were visited.

Chief Constable Lister, of the provincial police, from New Westminster, stated that he first went to Steveston on July 7 in response to a telephone. Had heard that there might be trouble, and went down to investigate. He found matters quiet. He had gone alone. On the 11th he got three specials to help cover the ground. This was in response to the general feeling of danger and unrest. This appeared in the expression of suspicion about a bad element, somewhat prominent there, too, and coming from the Sound. On instructions from the Attorney-General the force was increased up to forty-two special constables. Some of these were scattered at different points on the request of the cannerymen, because of the intimidating acts of the strikers. The bulk of the force, however, had been kept at Steveston. From what he saw himself and heard from his officers he considered the force insufficient to meet an outbreak if one had occurred. He had seen one act of violence. A couple of boats were put out from the Phoenix as a test. Two or three tugs were there with officers. A couple of strikers' boats put out on seeing the tugs put back, and being reinforced returned and seized one of the boats, taking it to Steveston. There the wharf was crowded and he could not get out on it. The crowd had been abusing Brown, but on a rush he and Murchison had affected a rescue. There were three specials on each tug. On the Lottie they were good men, but the captain would not put her alongside so that they might rescue the boat seized by the strikers. There were some eight boats with twelve strikers out in each. Secretary Rogers was in one of them. He had thought that he had a case against him, but when Rogers was arrested the witnesses told other stories. They were afraid to give evidence. Other acts of violence had been reported to him, but he had no personal knowledge of them. The strikers' patrol was out for days, numbering from, say, eight to twenty boats. They drove back the boats unless the union flag was shown. He did not see any men stopped by the strikers, and no cases had been reported to him.

At the meetings the chief cry had been to hold out. It had been reported to him that McClain had spoken abusively of the specials. He had heard that the whites had threatened to burn the Jap's houses.

He had been at the meeting at Windsor's office. Officer Murray had accompanied him. He understood that the calling out of the militia was to be discussed. The meeting appeared to favor that step. He said there that if as the canners intimidated a thousand Jap fishermen went out the next day and twenty or so patrol boats followed, he could not cope with the situation. Officer Murray agreed with this. He had every reason to believe that in this case there would be bad trouble. The Japs had one big procession a day or two after the soldiers came. There were about 3,000 of them. They had roughly-made flags. The white men had several procession, the Indians going with them. Fishermen's Union flags were carried. There might have been 800 in line in these. These processions kept up the hoop-her-up feelings. The Jap's procession was rather a demonstration in force.

As the crowd took Brown from the wharf he and Murchison rushed through and secured Brown from their hands, but did not see that he was badly hurt. Brown was able to go off alone, but he had not seen his face, nor whether his clothes were torn. He had not been able to get on the wharf himself; but he had heard the crowd shout "don't hurt him."

He had not advised the calling out of the militia, but had said that if the Japs went out he could not have been able to cope with the situation. Subsequently it had been learned that had the officers gone out to protect the Japs in the gulf the strikers had arranged to destroy the Japanese quarters. The militia had exercised a great moral influence by their mere presence, but might have been unable to prevent trouble in the gulf if the strikers had followed the Japs. No arrangements had been made to take the soldiers out on the water. One of the specials had got drunk, but he had been let out at once. The Japanese outnumbered the whites two to one. Their procession was not led by the regimental band, nor by the militia men, nor by the specials.

It had been impossible for the tugs to get alongside the boats when Brown was seized, as they pushed themselves off with their oars. He had seen Brown that night. His face was badly bruised and he complained that he had been roughly handled.

Colin Campbell, chief constable (provincial) at Vancouver, stated that he had gone on the 13th of July to Steveston with Magistrate R. A. Anderson. It was quiet then. About the 21st he was there again. The strikers were out in knots about the town. He saw no disturbance at any time and heard no threats; was at their meeting in Vancouver on the Saturday night. On that occasion Chief Kelly had hinted at trouble if the Japs went fishing. He had been at the North Arm also, having gone out to Terra Nova. He saw the patrol boats out, but no acts of violence. While there a man had been brought in, charged with taking fish from a Jap boat. The case on coming up was remanded, but had been eventually dropped.

Herbert Brooke, of the tax collector's office at Vancouver, had been on the river during the trouble. While there he had seen no acts of violence. He had heard the Indians asking why they did not wipe the Japs off the river. There was a great deal of unrest. He knew Brown, of the Phoenix, for many years. He came from Surrey. Brown had told him about his hurt.

The committee then adjourned, to sit again this morning.

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PERSONAL.

J. D. Wells, a son of the Hon. W. C. Wells Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, is in the city, a guest at the Driard.

Louis B. Peeples, of Portland, Ore., is a guest at the Driard.

Thomas H. Hooper, of Winnipeg, is in the city. He is stopping at the Victoria.

Wm. Beverage and Henry Rolfe of the Union Brewery Co., Nanaimo, are in the city. They are registered at the Victoria.

A number of young Victorians—Messrs. Todd, Redgrave, Langley and Pemberton left yesterday morning for Montreal to resume college studies.

At the Dominion are Thomas Cunningham and Thomas G. Earle. They are here to attend the meeting of the horticultural board.

L. D. Kersey, of Portland, Ore., is in the city. He is registered at the Victoria.

R. Shea and wife of Winnipeg, are enjoying a holiday trip to the coast. They registered at the Victoria yesterday evening.

Lieut. Venn-Ellis and bride left yesterday morning for England, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mrs. C. F. Todd and sons and Mrs. E. McQuade have returned from a visit to California.

Frank Yorke returned yesterday from Cape Nome, via Seattle.

Charles B. Windsor, general manager of the United Canneries Co., of B.C., Limited Vancouver is in the city.

A Victorian's Adventures

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dynamite. Cautiously they sneaked their way on their stomachs to the Boer position and some of them even crawled in through the little hole in which the wood was placed in the kilns, pushing their sack of explosive before them. Then, firing the fuse, they would crawl back and as the kilns blew up, sneak back into camp.

"For several months, though, the Boers held their position and harrassed the town. We kept pushing our trenches forward, and one time the Boers took one of our trenches, although we afterwards got them out of it with the bayonet. There was some mistake. The men were

ORDERED TO RETIRE

in error, and the Boers came forward and took the trench. It was a hard position to watch on this side.

"It was here that I had a narrow escape. This bullet—Mr. Brennan produced a badly twisted Mauser bullet—passed through my coat and waistcoat and grazed my stomach. I had also a close squeak one time when on outpost duty. This Lee-Metford bullet—Mr. Brenan had a badly flattened piece of lead—banged against a rock within an inch of my head. The Boers had a very nasty habit of galloping around among our outposts—they knew just where we were stationed—in bands of fifteen or twenty and putting in a few shots, then decamping. We got orders to lay for them. We did. We just waited until we saw the flash of their rifles and aiming at the flash caught a number of them. We must have nipped quite a number, for they quit the practice.

"One of the happenings of the siege which we in Mafeking regarded as one of the events was that bayonet charge of that dark, rainy night of October 29, I was in the trench and did not know of the matter until afterwards, but I heard all about it. About 100 men had been ordered to fix bayonets and went out to attack the trenches. They went forward slowly, for the night was as dark as ink. They did not know how close they were to the Boers until they tripped over right into their trenches. The Boers were sleeping. They were sheltered from the rain under big sail cloths, and didn't they get and awakening. The men had no ammunition—only their bayonets. They began to stick the Boers though when they got into the trenches. Everything that crawled got stuck. Boer after Boer rolled out of the sail covering and got a bayonet in his chest. The men, who were under Captain Fitzclarence, made a big killing. Gradually the Boers got to the trenches at either side of the rectangle and they started a hot fire. In the meantime the men got out of the Boer trenches and were on their way back to Mafeking, while the Boers continued to fire in the darkness, pumping lead into each other. They killed as many, if not more, than the British did. The charging squad lost seven men killed and eight wounded and had two taken prisoners. We never learned how many of them were killed. They were very secretive over their casualteis.

"The next fight of any consequence was that badly arranged fight for the possession of the Game Tree fort. It was a badly arranged affair. The colonel did not want it, and as Fitzclarence and Colonel Hore, who had charge of the railway division, in which I was, with the other railway men, were opposed to it. The idea was borne in the Christmas celebration. It should never have occurred. The attack, too, was made after daylight, instead of under darkness, when it would have been more effective. Anyhow, had the position been taken the British could scarcely have held it. We lost twenty-five men and seventy-three wounded. C squadron was all broken up. They had only six men left, while D only lost six men.

"I drove the armored train during that fight, but we could not get close to the Boer position, as the track had been destroyed. There were many mistakes during the fight. The men went out before dusk, but the putting up of the teleplone line to the colonel's headquarters delayed us until after daylight. The man in charge had too much Christmas, and we had finally to send back for another man.

"The attacking party fought well, though. They got well up to the Boer position, and had it not been for the fact that Capt. Fitzclarence was shot down—he being wounded in the groin—we might have taken the place, although I doubt whether we could have held it. As it was, three of our men actually got into the fort, but they never got out. It was a sand bag fort with two or three rows of loop holes.

"We in the armored train kept our Maxim going, but we could not get any closer than 1,500 yards, owing to the track being blown up. The Maxim of the attacking party got jammed and was unworkable for a time. It was in charge of a chap called "Lord Bob," and he had about 7 pounds or more pressure on the spring when he should only have had two pounds. As a result the head of the cartridge was bitten off instead of being discharged properly, and the gun jammed. It was not until some one pushed the man away and regulated the spring that the gun got in action.

"The fight was a very disastrous one, but we would have lost a great many more if it had not been for the bravery of a man who rode forward with a Red Cross flag in a storm of lead—for the Boers kept up a hot fire on him—to parley for permission to bring off the wounded. The firing then ceased and the men of the Protectorate Regiment on the flank, who would have offered a good mark for the Boers, came off without a shot being fired at them. It was a very blue night in Mafeking after the Game Tree fight. The defenders, though, did not get any too much time to themselves to brood over these affairs. They were kept going pretty much all the time somewhere or other.

"Col. Baden-Powell did a great deal to keep up the spirits of the garrison. He arranged a series of concerts for Sundays—there being an unwritten arrangement that a truce was to cover the Sundays, which was kept up until within the last few weeks of the siege, when the Boers attacked. At these concerts the Colonel appeared on the programme under all sorts of names. He was a capital mimic and entertainer. The Colonel also arranged an agricultural exhibition, a baby show for babies born during the siege—there were 13 in all—fancy work shows, exhibitions of curios made from shells and cartridges, designs of forts and fort destroyers. Prizes were given in all the exhibitions. We also had foot races and sports, and until Synman called us, we held dances at night. He threatened to begin firing, though, if the dances were continued.

"The Colonel sent out a number of proclamations to the Boers, and a number of them did good work. One especially, in which he said that any rebel who had taken up arms that so wished, could return to his home and have a free pardon. On one Sunday he sent out thirteen white flags with these proclamations. They caused much dissension among the Boers, for many wanted to go back to their farms when the siege began to drag out, and as a result of the dissension it was hard for them to make a united move. Some of the proclamations, too, were funny. The Colonel sent out word once or twice, asking the besiegers to surrender. These caused much chagrin to the Boers and fun to the defenders.

"The Colonel was, too, a great scout, and it was said, and there is reason to believe it to be true, that he had often spent the night with the Boers in their trenches, speaking to them even. Several times he had been seen coming in at daybreak with an old hat and coat and bandolier, in fact, thoroughly disguised as a Boer, with even the Boer board. He spoke the Boer tongue like one of them, and had a wide-spread reputation as a scout. He was the life and soul of the town, and well deserves all the fine words that have been spoken of him.

"The closest of all our shaves was seven days before we were relieved. The Boer plans to capture the town then were fine ones, but through the scariness of Synman they failed, and Eloff, a grandson of Kruger, and 600 or 700 with him were caught. Many, though, got away afterwards. We had been in the habit of sending out the black boys to loot cattle. Oh, by the way! a few days before the attempt to take us by Eloff, a massacre of our blacks occurred through a trap laid for them by a Hottentot boy at the bidding of the Boers. The enemy made determined attempts to cut off our food supply and they were much chagrined at the raids of the blacks. One night the Hottentot boy came into the town and told the blacks that he knew where there were lots of cattle. Forty of them went out, and only one came back. The Hottentot guided them along the Molopo river bank to a point where the Boers lay in wait for them with a pom-pom—one of those guns they had, firing quickly a one-pound shell. When the blacks saw that they were trapped, they fought with desperation until all except the survivor were killed.

"To return to Eloff's attempt to take us. The boys had been out on a cattle raid and we saw them coming along the river bank, driving their cattle. The Boers were then in the river bed, which was nearly dry, but we didn't know it. They were right in the natives' quarters before we were aware of it, and set fire to the thatched roofs. The firing of the native quarters was the signal we afterwards learned, to Synman, who was then to attack the east front of the town. He had 1,500 men with artillery. Synman was

AFRAID OF THE MAXIMS,

which kept up a sweeping fire, and he didn't carry out his part of the contract. Had he made a determined rush he might have done so.

"As I said, Eloff and his 700 men were in the B. S. A. fort before we knew it and had Col. Hore and 17 men, that were in there, prisoners. We saw the natives flying towards the town and heard the crack of the rifles behind the flying niggars, but we did not then know where the Boers were. Col. Moore, who was in charge of us, telephoned to the Colonel and asked where the Boers were, and the Colonel replied that they were in the B. S. A. fort. It was very dark when we went into the trenches, and kept up a fire on the fort. We did not dare to shell it, because of our men there. It was pretty to watch the line of flashes all around the line. We were running backward and forward, that is our line, in a little ditch we had made, and didn't we keep up a fire! Two of us fired as much as 2,400 rounds from 8 that night until 5 a.m.

"Next day was a lively one, and one of the warmest of the siege. We didn't know what force Eloff had in the fort, but we saw that he couldn't get out; nor did we know how they were getting along on the other fronts. It was our most trying time. Bullets were whistling everywhere. The colonel had sent word to Eloff, giving him until 10 p. m. to surrender, and we had orders to keep up a fire till then on the fort. The Protectorate men, too, during the evening charged with the bayonet. It was about 8:30 when Eloff and his men surrendered to Colonel Hore in the fort. It was after nightfall then and when the Boers came out of the fort many made a dash and got away. We killed a large number as they ran.

"Where we in the railway division were lying we did not hear of the surrender and kept pinging away at the fort. There was a streak of peeping flames all around the town then and it did look pretty. About 8:30 the bugle sounded the "cease firing," but we in the railway division were not good enough soldiers to understand the bugle call and we kept pumping lead into Mr. Boer. It was not until after a messenger came up with the command, "Railway division cease firing," in plain Anglo-Saxon, that we quit plugging away.

"Eloff was a very disappointed man when he came out of the fort. He blamed Snyman for "throwing" him, and had some very uncomplimentary things to say of Snyman. If his had been a regularly organized army, such as ours, they must have rushed us, for when morning came they were so close to our lines that we could hear them talking plainly.

"We had a line of fourteen miles to watch; that is, the outer line. We had an outer and inner line of defence. In some of the forts on the line of defence we had but two men.

"Seven days after this great and last fight of the siege, the relief came, and never will I forget the thrill which passed over me and the joy of Mafeking. Three months before Lord Roberts had sent in a message that he could not relieve us until May 18. The word, which was sent in by pigeon, was circulated first as a rumor; then it was denied, then confirmed and again denied. The colonel softened it to us, for it was then three months from the time.

"This was the 17th—the day before the promised relief—and we were eagerly looking for it. We expected that General Carrington would make a junction with Colonel Plumer, who we knew was to the north with a small force. We heard that Carrington had commandeered the carriages of the Buluwago railway, but we afterwards learned that he had only taken enough for the artillery of the Canadians with him.

"The day before the relief came we saw the Boers riding up from the south in numbers and figured that there was something doing. We saw 1,500 of them coming over the hills towards Mafeking and we then knew that relief was driving them. Next morning we heard big guns booming to the northwest and we mounted the house-tops and scanned the horizon. We could soon plainly see the bursting shells falling among the Boers, watch them scatter and see the clouds of dust stirred up by the shells. The Boers had seven guns and our men had thirteen. The Boers had prepared for the coming of the relief, for they had spread barbed wire all through the long grass right up to the Molopo. They resisted the advance of the relief and the fight continued until dark. Soon after forty men of the relief came in, and wasn't there cheering around the line of defence. That which marked the surrender of Eloff was a whisper to it. The main body of the relief got into the town at 2:30 a. m. The Boers kept up their snipping though from all the other fronts and next morning we had our last fight.

"We fell in at 7:30. I was in the armored train, and we had our crew on board. The others, the relief and ours went out in skirmishing order. It was a fine sight to watch their advance from the train. The fight was not a hard one though, for after a few rounds the Boers fled, abandoning everything.

"I had the feed of my life that night. The relief had brought food, but the colonel was very sparing with it, for fear we should eat too hearty and make ourselves sick. A friend of mine had hidden away two pounds of tapioca and we went and got this. We put it in a pan and boiled it in water. We couldn't wait for it to cook though, for we had been famishing for months, and we dipped out handfuls of tapioca. It was the best meal I ever had, I then thought. Didn't it give it to us though. We both had something to remember the meal, for the tapioca swelled. It had been half raw when we ate it.

"Here is what we had to subsist on," and Mr. Brennan produced an inch square piece of meal bread, which was hardly enough for a bite of a healthy man. "We used to take a chew of our ration and sit sleepless in the trench or under cover somewhere if off duty, thinking that some day we should eat. The ration was as follows during the siege: Seven ounces of horse meat, three ounces of bread, one-quarter ounce of split peas and one-sixteenth ounce of tea. This was all that was allowed a man for twenty-four hours.

"We ate afterwards though. Mafeking had a wild celebration, which lasted two or three days, and I never heard as much cheering in my life. I met a number of the Canadians in the relief column. Speaking of a narrow shave of men from being killed by bullets, Alex. Neilson, a friend of mine, was shot through the forehead. The bullet entered one side and came out of the other, and eight days afterwards I was playing billiards with him.

"It was a decidedly interesting experience and I am glad to have gone through it. I would not do it again though if I could help it. No, not for Africa."

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Provincial Legislature

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The Supplementary Estimates Are Passed—Adjournment Till Monday.

Public bills day was well kept at the legislature yesterday, a dozen of these measures having been staged along several of them even passing finally. As a rule business was not expeditiously followed, but after dinner a couple of hours were devoted to a great many speeches upon the Land Act, in spite of the fact that the house was unanimous upon the question, and, generally speaking, querulous at the loss of time. The sum of $44,750 was also passed in consideration of the supplementary estimates, to meet the debts found payable by the present administration as heirlooms of their predecessors.

After prayers by Rev. W. L. Clay, Mr. Green presented several yards of petition from Sandon, Silverton and some other Slocan points, protesting against the appointment of a mining commissioner. These numerous signatures had all been obtained in a day or two, and the petitions being unrolled, trailed for some distance behind the page as they were being carried up to Mr. Speaker.

Upon the formal motion of the Minister of Finance, the supplementary estimates were reported upon and given their several readings.

Mr. Garden took the floor on behalf of the Grand Forks & Kettle River Railway bill. Notice of a motion had been given by Mr. Green, as the defeat of the second reading of the bill had led to its removal from the order paper, and it was now desired to have it reinstated. On leave being given, Mr. Garden pointed out that the negative vote of Wednesday night had only ruled that it should not be read "now," and consequently he was in order in asking that it be set down to be read at some other time.

Mr. Green explained that the circumstances of the lateness of the hour had occasioned its second reading being then negatived. The bill was an important one, and for that reason should not be allowed to be dropped. After a debate upon the point of order, in which Messrs. Pooley, Helmcken and several other members took part, the motion was carried and the bill restored to its former stage.

Upon the motion of the Attorney-General, the Land Registry was read a third time and finally passed. The Tramway Act amendment then passed the committee stage, and were reported complete with amendments. The Elections Act amendment was also similarly advanced.

The License Act amendment then passed the committee stage, and being reported, was given its third reading and finally passed.

Mr. Oliver then took the chair in committee to consider the Mineral Acts amendments. To these several more were offered in addition, amongst which a couple came from the member from Kamloops. Mr. Fulton urged that the orders-in-council of the 5th of March last be included in the bill. These already had the effect of law without being incorporated in the act. They also required some alteration, as the obvious intention of the orders was not conveyed by their phrasing. He also advocated the acceptance of Dominion land surveyor surveys of mineral claims as well as those made by provincial land surveyors. At present some clashing was to be found between these two classes, and the maintaining of the distinction would also affect the taking of the costs of survey as part of the assessment work. The sections were laid over to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. Turner then moved the second reading of the act to impose a tax upon coke and coal. The bill would, he stated, require to be somewhat amended, as there was no desire to collect both a tax on the quantity of the output and another on the assessment of the works as personal property.

Mr. Martin pointed out that under this bill the companies already paying a royalty on the coal they raised were subjected to a further tax, so that the inequality between some of the companies would be continued. Regarding the exemption of the land taxes from the ground occupied, he would suggest that when the mine was standing idle the ordinary taxes should be collected. Otherwise there was no reason why coal mines should not enjoy the same exemption that metaliferous mines now have.

In reply the Hon. Mr. Turner stated that there had been no intention to alter the inequality referred to by the leader of the opposition. That had been created by the crown grants of the coal lands and the properties carried the royalty in their very titles.

Mr. Helmcken pointed out that so far as the foreign coal trade was concerned, the coal of the province had to bear a handicap of 67 cents a ton in the San Francisco market. While reminding the house of the importance of this great industry and the large numbers depending upon it for their livelihood, he would not suggest that the tax would close down the mines, but the tax was still sufficiently large to have, in these days of close competition, no small effect upon the close figures at which business was being done. This tax would result in a large addition to the revenue, and that very sum being taken all in a lump must have a corresponding effect upon the industry. He suggested that it was too large and its imposition, even if decreased, should be gradual.

Mr. Ralph Smith was not very anxious about the coal operator, but he did wish to consider the rights of the laborer. It was almost needless to say that the consumer paid such rates as these. The greater portion of the output of Nanaimo went across the line, and he had often thought that for every ton that went there, a small sum should be taken from the American pockets and go to the public treasury. Adding a sum such as this to the customs duty which had to be paid would give the Puget Sound mines some further assistance in competing with the product of Vancouver Island. At San Francisco, too, the price was fixed by competition, and so the increased cost might only come back and result in the lowering of wages here at home.

Mr. Brown explained that every tax was liable to have just such objections as these brought against it, and urged that the operation of the tax be carefully watched, and if it did not work out evenly the first year, it might very properly be amended at a later time.

Mr. Hunter confessed that he was at sea over this matter. He had failed to understand the speechs of the hon. gentlemen from Nanaimo and Victoria city. They had spoken on behalf of the coal mine owner, while for years the country had resounded with their cry to tax the coal owner.

The bill then passed its second reading.

On the second reading of the Assessment Act amendment, Hon. Mr. Turner explained the changes in the rates of the income tax, which increase on an easy and graduated scale, as the amount of the income grew larger. Further changes were also made in the mineral taxes. As to placer mines, the output up to $2,000 was excepted, while in the output of metaliferous mines, only one-half the tax was to be exacted on an output up to $5,000. The rate of taxation had here been increased from 1 to 2 per cent.

Another important change was found in the proposal to exempt government and municipal bond holders, not only from the provisions of the income tax, but also from being included under the head of personal property.

Mr. Curtis held that if the tax upon mining industries were doubled, he thought that the small amount of the increase in the revenue would not nearly make up for the other unfortunate effects of such an impost. Last year only $31,000 had been raised, while in the estimates for this year $65,000 was set down to the credit of this branch of the revenue. With the old 1 per cent. rate, however, the increased output of ore during the coming year would amount to nearly as great an amount. To have the cry go out now, however, that the taxes on mines in British Columbia was doubled would add greatly to the present difficulty in securing capital to open up the mines. It dealt unfairly, too, on the low grade properties. Many of the Kootenay mines were of this sort. Inasmuch bodies of such ore existed, and only the handling of great quantities at the present high rates of freights and labor made any returns profitable.

He noticed that free-milling properties, too, were exempted as long as the ores were treated on the premises. This would mean that only the concentrates would come under the tax, and they amounted to but 10 per cent. of the output. The present time was not only inopportune, but it must be remembered that at present about $400,000, or two-fifths of the revenue raised in the province, was derived from the mining industry. The imposition of a 2 per cent. tax would, he thought, result in over $100,000 of revenue to the province.

The bill then passed its second reading, and Mr. Speaker saw 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

On the house resuming its sitting after dinner, the Phoenix incorporation bill was reached and its second reading was given without discussion.

The amendemnt to the Land Act was then explained by Hon. Mr. Wells. This was a measure of but one section designed to meet the suggestion of the Settlers' Association, and ran as follows:

"Pre-emptors of crown lands who, at the time of the coming into force of this act, are in arrear in the payments of installments of purchase money required to be paid by section 24 of the Land Act shall, on conforming with the provisions of the Land Act, except as hereby altered, be entitled to obtain crown grants of their pre-emptions upon payment of 25 per cent. of such installments still unpaid on or berore the 31st day of December, 1900, 25 per cent. on or before the 30th day of June, 1901, and 25 per cent. on or before the 31st day of December, 1901, and without any further payment of interest, or arrears of interest; and on payment in full of all such installments of unpaid purchase money, but without any further payment of interest, or arrears of interest, if such payments be made after said 31st day of December, 1901, but on or before the 30th day of June, 1902."

Mr. Hayward, the chairman of the agricultural committee, expressed his hearty approval of the bill, and congratulated the government upon bringing down a measure which would be so well and so favorably received throughout the country as this would. Mr. Munro spoke in a similar strain, as also did Mr. Oliver, of Delta.

Mr. Green congratulated the government that at last they had been able to please the farmer members in the house to such an extent as to draw out their congratulations and for a short time stop their kicking. (Laughter.)

Mr. Houston added his little joke that one minister had at last come out of Kootenay and pleased the whole house.

Mr. Price Ellison said that it was just what should have been expected as the government had long been known as "the farmers' government." For years past it had been this party that had served the best interests of the agriculturist, meeting his needs at every turn. He was very glad to see such a measure brought before the house. It certainly was one of which the whole country would approve and the agricultural portion of it in particular. The farmers of British Columbia in many instances labored under great disadvantages and he hoped that the present bill was a forerunner of one which might well be expected, namely, free homestead grants to settlers. This was all the more needed to-day from the fact that the settlers had to fall back upon timber lands and here it was both difficult and costly to make a home and a livelihood.

Mr. Hunter was glad to see the farmers pleased, but held that the miner should not be overlooked, and he would like an amendment to the effect that the miner get free timber for his works and cabin until his claim had begun to pay. To this the government expressed its consent.

Mr. Martin considered that the bill offered a premium to the man in arrears which might be considered to be an injustice to those who had paid up. If the settlers had a grievance, and they in many cases had many difficulties, the case should be met fairly and under some general rule with due regards to a homestead policy. In the case of the remission of the arrears upon lands in the Dominion land belt and there those who had paid up thought that they had a grievance and were applying for a rebate. He then spoke at some length about the land system of Manitoba and expressed his approval of Mr. Ellison's suggestion of free homesteads.

Mr. Brown disagreed with Mr. Martin upon this subject, which he considered not a matter of land policy, but one of a financial sort. He was wholly in favor of the measure. The farmers often had great difficulties to meet through lack of roads and other causes. This was very noticeable in Dewdney, where in some instances the progress of improving the land could not be anything else than slow. This industry should receive every encouragement, and the whole system of administrating crown lands might well be revised.

Mr. Rogers thought the measure a good one and also spoke in favor of Mr. Hunter's suggestion regarding timber for the miners.

Hon. Mr. Turner was glad to see that Mr. Brown had seen fit to refute Mr. Martin's remarks. The latter gentleman had stated that the bill was a bonus to non-paying, but he considered that the contrary was just the case. The bill was a bonus to paying us. It was a great pity that so much of the purchase money had fallen behind, but in every kind of business some such sort of thing was a very common matter. In such cases the men who did pay in full were not supposed to have suffered from the fact that with another dollar a claim had been compromised. With regard to the Dominion lands, no doubt some of the settlers who had paid up were applying for a refund, but he understood that these claims were in no case being considered. There was nothing parallel either in the case of the Manitoba lands.

Hon. Mr. McBride called the attention of the house to a Gazette notice of the Selmin government, when the leader of the opposition had belonged to that party. This stated that unless all these arrears were paid before a certain date they ran the risk of being declared forfeit. This notice showed the tender mercies of that gentleman towards the hardy settler. It was only fair to say, however, that this notice had not appeared over Mr. Martin's name, but over that of the chief commisisoner of ands and works, Mr. Cotton. The notice had, however, shown how indifferently the government of that day had considered this matter. By them the pre-emptor and the speculator had been put on an equal footing, which was a case of gross injustice to the former.

Mr. A. W. Smith said that while Mr. Brown had made some reference to the difficulties of the lower Fraser, but on the upper Fraser these were far greater. Below no one was more than a few miles from a railway or a steamboat, but in his constituency things were far different. While the present bill would meet with approval there, he wished to remind the government that other works were needed to relieve the settler there. Amongst others of these was some system of trunk ditches by which water in large quantities could be brought in for irrigation. The government had been very free to spend money to keep the water off the lands of the lower river, where there was too much of it, and it for the same reason should be willing to help in bringing water on the lands up above, where it was so badly wanted.

Mr. Kidd was only sorry that something like this had not been done long ago. Twenty-six years ago he had not been so well dealt with as he should have been. He had for years advocated free grants and still believed in that system. So great were the disadvantages here that the farmer deserved every consideration at the hands of the government.

Mr. Neill pointed out that pre-emption claims paid taxes from the date of the pre-emption record. This was he thought a baseless anomaly. The land could not be considered for some time at least to be productive, and so could not pay for its own taxes. Again, the pre emptor did not own the land, and from his own pocket had thus to pay taxes on the property of the crown.

Mr. Gilmour approved of the bill, but thought much of the need of the settler arose from the fact that they liked a bar room better than their lands. He then attacked Hon. Messrs. Prentice and Wells for not refuting Hon. Mr. McBride's remarks about the Semlin government.

Mr. McInnes raised his voice to cry, "Mr. Speaker, wonders will never cease," and proceeded to follow up Mr. Gilmour's attack on the two ministers of the crown. This subject being ruled out of order, he expressed his assent to the bill and advocated even greater favors to the actual settler.

Mr. Helmcken followed in the paying of tributes, and soon turned aside to discuss the small holdings system. He thought it worked hardly at times, giving some instances in support of his contention.

The reading was then passed, and in committee some clerical errors having been corrected, the report thereon was adopted.

Upon the question of small holdings being again raised, Mr. Kidd spoke at some length upon the subject, advocating that while greater attention should be given to these by the government, great care should be taken regarding any alterations in the system under which the lands were held.

The house on resuming its labors in supply considered a vote of $44,750 to meet certain debts of the past government. The various items were formally passed.

On the second reading of the bill vesting the title of Discovery claim in Atlin in Messrs. Miller and McLaren, the Hon. Mr. Prentice stated that this was the original discovery in the Atlin district, and that it had been staked according to the Northwest Territory laws, as the boundary line had not yet then been fixed. On a question from Mr. Martin the Hon. Mr. McBride stated that this had been the first case considered by Mr. Justice Irving, and that the bill had been submitted to and approved by him. The matter had been submitted also to the Semlin government, and he understood that just such an act had been contemplated. As soon, however, as Judge Irving had left jumping began, and now some shops, a part of Pine City, stood on it. In passing this they would not get full discovery claim, according to the British Columbia laws. The bill was then read a second time and immediately taken up in committee of the whole. An amendment by Mr. Martin protecting the householders of Pine, was accepted and the bill being reported, it was then read a third time and finally passed.

On the third reading of the Pacific, Northern and Omineca Railway bill, Mr. McInnes moved the following section as an amendment:

"No person who is unable to read this act and the British Columbia Railway Act, shall be employed in the construction or operation of the undertaking hereby authorized, under a penalty of five dollars per day for each and every such person so employed in contravention of this section, to be recovered on complaint of any person under the provisions of the Summary Convictions Act. This section shall not apply to or affect in any way person who is on the register of voters in any electoral district for the legislative assembly of British Columbia, any Indian or person of Caucasion blood."

Upon the debate which followed, the greatest stress was laid upon the prohibition of Chinese labor from the operation of the road. The opposition again and again repeated their old arguments, while their opponents relied upon the restrictive measures of the general act. The usual speeches already oft reported were made and the amendment was lost upon the following division:

Ayes: Messrs. Neill, Ralph Smith, Curtis, Gilmour, Martin, Brown, McInnes, E. C. Smith, Stables, Munro—11.

Nays: Messrs. Kidd, Green, Hall, McPhillips, Helmcken, Garden, Tatlow, Hayward, Fulton, Clifford, Ellison, A. W. Smith, Mounce, Taylor, Hunter, Rogers, Murphy, Pooley, McBride, Wells, Prentice, Turner, Dunsmuir, Eberts—24.

The bill was then read a third time and finally passed.

Mr. Garden then essayed to bring in the Grand Forks & Kettle River Railway bill, but the house decided to adjourn, and after some discussion about the day, did so until Monday afternoon. This was at 11:35 p.m.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Hon. Mr. Wells replied to Mr. Garden's question. Is it the intention of the Government to appoint timber cruisers to thoroughly examine the timber lands of the province and to report thereon, with the object in view of setting apart timber berths, to be offered for sale by public competition?—Answer: The government has already taken initiatory steps towards a more extended examination of the timber lands of the province and applying the competitive system, so far as it is expedient to do so.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED.

Mr. Helmcken will ask on Monday next—Is it a fact that instructions have been given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court at Victoria to allow and permit the Mercantile Agencies to search the records of the office for writs issued against defendants? Is the government aware this right is denied by the registrar to the Legal Profession, unless the name of some plaintiff is given?

NOTICES.

On Monday next Hon. Mr. Eberts will move, Whereas in the opinion of this House it is apparent:—

That the work of the courts of British Columbia is rapidly increasing, latterly to such an extent that it became necessary to create three new Registries of the Supreme Court during the year 1899, and five new registries during the present year;

And that the five judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia are constantly called upon, in the discharge of their duties to adjudicate upon matters of magnitude, especially where mining interests are concerned;

And that the questions coming before the said judges for adjudication are, as regards the weight of litigation in the other provinces out of all proportion to the population in this province;

And that, in addition to the duties above referred to, the said judges were last year constituted a court of appeal from the territorial court of the Yukon, without any provision having been made for remuneration for such extra duties;

And that the judges of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec who occupy positions corresponding to those of the judges of our Supreme Court are paid by the Dominion Government one thousand dollars per annum more than the judges of this province, although the cost of living here is much greater than the cost of living there, with the result that the salaries of the judges here are, in effect, further reduced by at least twenty-fiev per cent.;

And that the principle of an increase of salary as a fair compensation for an increase in the cost of living has been recently recognized by the Dominion Government in the case of the judges of the Yukon Territory by making them an extra allowance of $1,500 per annum in consequence of the great cost of living there;

And whereas this house is of opinion that it is unfair that our judges should, in respect of compensation, be placed on a worse footing than the judges of Ontario and Quebec occupying corresponding positions as above mentioned;

Therefore be it resolved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, praying that the judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia be placed on the same footing as regards salary, as the judges holding corresponding positions in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. Martin will move that a new rule of of order be adopted by the house setting forth a model railway bill, to which all must conform, any variations having to be placed in brackets and particularly specified in the application for the bill.

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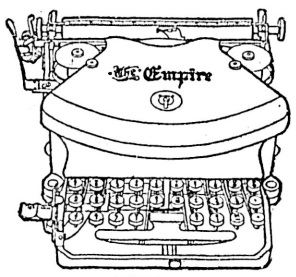

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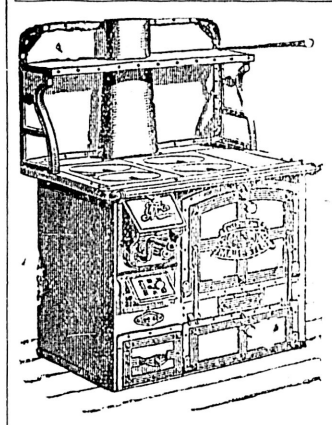

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Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Aug. 24—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer has fallen considerably throughout the Territories, while in Cariboo there has appeared another ocean storm area which will cause continued rainy weather and fresh to high southerly winds over the province and the adjoining state. A westerly gale is blowing off Cape Flattery and high winds are reported along the California coast.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	56	59
New Westminster	56	58
Kamloops		72
Barkerville	44	50
Calgary	40	62
Winnipeg	54	80
Portland, Ore.	60	72
San Francisco, Cal	54	72

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m., (Pacific time), Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southwest winds, unsettled and cool with rain.

Lower Mainland—Fresh to strong winds, mostly southerly, cool and rainy.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

Friday, August 24.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	57	Mean	57
Noon	56	Highest	59
5 p.m.	58	Lowest	55

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.....16 miles west.
Noon.....15 miles south east.
5 p.m.....12 miles south.

Average state of the weather—rain
Rain and melted snow—25 inches.
Sunshine—0 hours 0 minutes.
Barometer at noon—corrected.....29.838
Corrected.....29.845

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.72

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The Report of Its Workings During the Past Eighteen Months.

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The fifth report of the Provincial Library, by E. O. S. Scholefield, the librarian, makes interesting reading. Since it has been found advisable that in future the period covered by the annual report should coincide with the fiscal year, the present report deals with the eighteen months ending June 30, 1900. The report proceeds:

It is a matter for regret that, on account of lack of funds with which to purchase needed volumes, the library has not progressed as rapidly as could be desired during the last eighteen months. If, however, the number of books acquired has not been as large as usual yet many volumes have been placed on the shelves which greatly enhance the value of the library. Care has been taken that the character of the accessions should be in harmony with the rules guiding the selections made in recent years. The main consideration being the fact that the library must of necessity largely consist of reference works, which are naturally the most expensive. While an endeavor has been made to obtain, as far as possible, representative works in all departments of knowledge, special attention has been given to acquiring the Statutes of the Provinces of Canada, of the various States of the Union and of the Australasian Colonies, and works on local, constitutional and national history, biography, constitutional law, political and social science, and works of reference. Efforts to complete the library's sets of the laws of the respective states will be persevered in as these volumes contain many legislative enactments of more than local interest.

During 1899-1900 the number of volumes acquired by gift, exchange and purchase was 1,190, and during the past three years, 4,465.

In addition to these volumes some six hundred pamphlets, dealing with a variety of subjects, have been received. These pamphlets will be carefully sorted and the more important bound, in order that they may be preserved in a convenient form.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

In the appendix to this report may be seen a list of the newspapers and periodicals filed in the reading room, and which are carefully preserved for future reference. All provincial papers and some others are bound annually. Unfortunately, the expenditure entailed by this very necessary work is large and greatly reduces the appropriations made for the maintenance of the library. After the subscriptions to the papers and magazines and the expense of binding a number of the same had been defrayed, only a small portion of the appropriation was left for the purchase of new books in the period covered by this report. Hence the decrease in the number of volumes acquired by purchase. In addition to the newspapers many books need binding, some of which have been on the shelves for a considerable period, but hitherto there have been no funds available for this purpose.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

In a reference library, such as the library of the legislative assembly must necessarily be, it is obviously important that care should be taken to procure a good collection of dictionaries, encyclopaedias, year books, almanacs, directories, and works of a similar character, as they are exceedingly useful for ready reference. Increasing attention is being bestowed on this department.

BULLETINS.

With the consent of the honorable the commissioners of the library an effort will be made during the present year to prepare for publication, bulletins containing information on various matters pertaining to the institution, which it is hoped will be of service to the members of the legislature and to those who use the library during the recesses of parliament. It is suggested that the first bulletins take the form of reference lists on various pertinent subjects. There is little doubt that they would be found extremely useful.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

Through the courtesy of the governments of the United States, Australia, Cape Colony, and Natal many interesting and valuable volumes have been received. Notwithstanding the fact, however, that a vast number of works of general utility may be acquired by donation and exchange, it is apparent that many works which are greatly needed can only be obtained by purchase. As heretofore the various public departments at Washington have been most liberal in presenting official documents and monographs on different subjects. Too much cannot be said regarding the courtesy of the officials of the United States who on all occasions seem actuated by a desire to render every assistance to those requiring information concerning their respective departments. Particular mention must be made of the honorable the secretary of state, the director of the United States Gological Survey, the director of the Smithsonian Institute, the Commissioner of the department of Labor, the secretary of Agriculture and the librarian of Congress.

Owing to the prominence which has been given to Alaska through the development of the goldfields of the far north, and also on account of the long standing dispute concerning the demarcation of the international boundary line, it was deemed a matter of some moment to procure as much information as possible regarding that territory. Through the kindness of Mr. Herbert Putman, librarian of congress, the library has been presented with a number of reports dealing with the various industries and institutions of Alaska, together wiht the several treaties, accompanied by maps, affecting its territorial limits and occupation.

Dr. George M. Dawson, of the Geological Survey of Canada, very kindly presented a set of the maps published by his department. The set is particularly valuable as, owing to a number of the maps being out of print, they can only with difficulty be duplicated. The set has been mounted, catalogued and numbered, so that it is an easy matter to refer to any particular map. However, owing to lack of space it has not been possible to file the maps in a suitable place. A few modern map cases would be of great utility. A list of the maps is appended hereto.

An effort has been made, with more or less success, to obtain information in regard to some of the social problems of the Australian colonies, particularly that of alien immigration. A large amount of material was obtained which, when bound, may be found useful for purposes of reference and comparison.

The department of labor of New Zealand, in compliance with a request made by this department, forwarded some interesting material regarding the labor laws of that colony. The pamphlets dealing with the working of the Industrial Disputes Act will be found very useful to those interested in such matters.

A great deal of attention has been paid to the collection of books dealing with local affairs, and some very interesting material has recently been added to the section devoted to works of provincial interest. It may be stated that this section of the library is one of its chief features and as time passes its value must greatly increase.

ARCHIVES.

There are many valuable state papers in the care of the department, including the despatches of the early governors of the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, which fortunately were removed from Government House sometime before its demolition by fire a little over a year ago. Hitherto these documents, which are of real historical value, have not been classified or arranged in a manner which their importance justifies. They are at present stored in one of the rooms in the basement of the parliament buildings, but their location is anything but desirable. It is respectfully suggested that proper accommodation be provided for them in a fireproof vault where they could be properly arranged and made readily accessible. Careful search will be made for missing papers and in the event of these not being found, with the permission of the honorable commissioners of the library, an application will be forwarded to London for duplicates of the same in order that the set may be preserved as complete as possible. The importance of these documents to any future historian can well be imagined.

CATALOGUE.

It was stated in the last report that a catalogue would be published during the year. Unfortunately it was found impossible to complete this work within the time specified, as much attention had to be given to other matters, notably in the travelling library department. However, the energies of the department will be exerted in order to make the catalogue an accomplished fact at the earliest possible moment The amount of labor connected with such an undertaking, even in a small library, can only be realized by those having a practical knowledge of what is comprehended by a catalogue constructed on modern principles. The card index to the volumes already catalogued is of great utility.

NEED OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION.

Once again it is necessary to call attention to the pressing need of the library for additional shelf space. The present stock room is wholly inadequate to the requirements of a first-class library. As the years go by and the accessions become more numerous, as undoubtedly they will, some way of largely extending the quarters must be devised. In addition to the space set aside for the use of the library in the basement of the building it was found necessary to secure yet another room where volumes may be placed for which accommodation cannot be found in the library proper. The inconvenience resulting from this arrangement must be obvious—not only on account of the additional labor which it necessarily involves but more particularly because it interferes with the proper classification of the books. In order that the best results may be attained a proper method of classification should be adhered to. The present quarters are so confined as to almost entirely prohibit the logical arrangement of the contents, and this prevents the attainment of a high state of efficiency. There are many maps and photographs belonging to the library that are of much historical interest for which no room can be found.

TRAVELLING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Satisfactory progress has been made in this branch during the last eighteen months. Twenty libraries have now been made up, eighteen of which are in use in different parts of the province. The method adopted for transferring the libraries from one district to another has worked smoothly, except in a few cases. It is safe to say that the system is increasing in popularity and there is no doubt that it is productive of much good. So far the libraries have been sent chiefly to agricultural communities and such being the case endeavors have been made to make them attractive by including a number of standard works pertaining to agriculture and kindred subjects. General satisfaction has been expressed through the librarians as to the selection of books and as to the good work which the libraries have accomplished. Many enquiries with regard to the system have been received and it is reasonable to suppose that applications for libraries will continue to arrive. The freight charges, which are defrayed by those applying for libraries, are somewhat heavy. It is the intention of the department, however, to make representations to the transportation companies and endeavor to induce them to aid in the useful work which is being carried on through the medium of the travelling library department by transporting the libraries at reduced rates.

It may be interesting to add that British Columbia is the only province in Canada which has inaugurated a system of travelling libraries. The government of Manitoba have been considering the advisability of establishing a similar system modelled on that of British Columbia, while in Ontario the idea has also been mooted. It is a subject for congratulation that this western province should have taken the lead in such an important educational innovation. It may also be mentioned that at the convention of the American Library Association held recently in Montreal, reference was made to the assistance accorded the travelling library movement by this province.

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Police Will Take Action

Believe That Faith Healers Violating Causes of Criminal Code.

Meetings on Streets Tend to Cause Disturbance the Chief Says.

When Mr. Eugene Brooks, the faith healer, next takes up the task of hurling epithets at the members of the medical fraternity and secret societies on the street corner, the strong arm of the law will reach out for him.

That much has been decided upon by Chief Langley, but it is not at all improbable that the action will be taken at once.

Brooks claims to be a faith healer, and says he is a believer in Christian science and a follower of Dowie, the Zionite leader, of Chicago, and he has a considerable local following in Victoria. Accompanied by a little band, he holds meetings on the street corners in the evenings—generally on Sundays and Tuesdays. At these meetings Brooks "preaches" to the crowds which gather. Medical science, doctors and secret societies are denounced, and epithets are hurled against those who have any faith in them.

A row is therefore not unnaturally on occasions nearly precipitated. Several of these disturbances have already been created by Brooks and his little band of followers. A few evenings ago, on the corner of Government and Yates streets, the shouts and noisy declamations were such that they could be heard for several blocks.

Chief of Police John M. Langley is determined that this sort of thing must stop. He proposes to rely upon the following section in the Criminal Code:

"An unlawful assembly is an assembly of three or more persons who, with an attempt to carry out a common purpose, assemble in such a manner or so conduct themselves when assembled as to cause persons in the neighborhood of such assembly to fear on reasonable grounds that the persons so assembled will disturb the peace tumultuously, or will by such assembly needlessly and without any reasonable occasion provoke other persons to disturb the peace tumultuously."

Section 81 of the Criminal Code reads as follows:

"Every member of an unlawful assembly is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to one year's imprisonment."—R. S. C., c. 147, s. 11.

A gentleman who says he has only too good cause to regret the teachings of the faith healer—Captain McCoskie, of the Queen City—attempted to give Brooks a horse whipping on Tuesday evening last. He caught sight of the preacher, and hastily leaving his buggy went after him with a horse whip. His friends restrained him from carrying out his intention.

The cause of Captain McCoskie's anger is thus explained: About a year ago Mr. Brooks came to town. Captain McCoskie's wife attended his meetings. She believed in his doctrines and became an ardent follower of the sect, in spite of the protests of her husband. The captain's vocation compels him to be absent from home the greater part of the time. Before leaving on one of his trips he noticed that the little girl was apparently seriously ill, so he cautioned his wife to be sure and get a doctor at once. Then he went away. On his return the little girl was dead and buried. His wife had not taken his advice, but instead had relied upon faith cure.

Chief Langley proposes to find out if the law permits such performances as Brooks indulges in on the streets.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Enrollment So Far Does Not Exceed That of Last Year—Will Be Increased.

The whole number of pupils enrolled in the public schools so far this term is 2,404. This number does not exceed the largest enrolment of last year. It will be considerably increased next month, probably to 2,500.

The enrolment in the individual schools is:

High school	128
Boys' Central	403
Girls' Central	376
North Ward	462
South Park	361
Victoria West	261
Spring Ridge	144
Hillside	164
Kingston street	105
Total	2,404

Of these the Boys' school, North Ward, Victoria West and Hillside have respectively a larger attendance than they had at this time last year.

Flower Service.—There will be a flower and fruit service at the Reformed Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Number of Important Votes For Public Province.

The supplementary estimates presented to the legislature on Thursday evening provide for a total vote of $177,352.92. Of this $44,749.42 is to pay accounts left by the former government and $3,480 to provide increases of salaries of officials in different parts of the province, ranging from $5 to $10 a month. The other votes are:

In aid of resident physician, Atlin, $500.

In aid of resident physician, Ashcroft, $200.

In aid of resident physician, Princeton-Allison, $200.

Grant to Royal Columbian hospital, New Westminster, $6,000.

Assistance towards building hospitals, $6,000.

Grant in aid of Normal school, Vancouver, $2,500.

Government House, Victoria (rebuilding), $30,000.

Reformatory, Vancouver (construction), $10,000.

Government buildings, Goat river mining division, $1,500.

Public schools throughout the province (construction and repairs),), additional to $43,500 voted, $10,000.

Road, Mount Sicker (refund of amount expended on repairs), $223.

Yale trunk road (additional to $3,000 voted), $750.

Trail from mouth of Bridge river, 8 miles (conditional), $600.

Road, Ainsworth to Highland district (completion), $600.

Road from Rossland to Sophie mountain, completion (conditional), $6,500.

Trail to Franklin Camp, North Fork Kettle river, $3,000.

Advertising (additional to $4,000 voted), $4,000.

Library, legislative (additional to 800 voted), $700.

Refunds (additional to $5,000 voted), $10,000.

In aid of militia (additional to $600 voted), $150.

Board of Health (additional to $6,000 voted), $2,000.

Dairymen's Association, guarantee against loss on importation of thoroughbred stock (conditional), $500.

School of Mines (conditional), $2,500.

City of New Westminster for relief of sufferers by fire, $20,000.

City of Sandon, on condition of providing for government office required, $5,000.

Apparatus, bacteriological, and fitting up room, $1,500.

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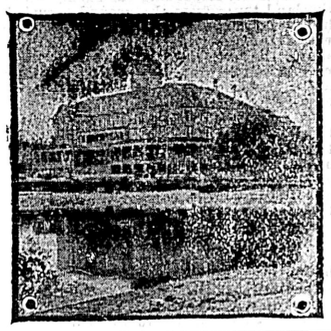

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